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## Feds grill 'JI' scribe

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 7 (KUNA). The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) today started questioning city editor Zahid Malik regarding his controversial book on Pakistan's nuclear programme and the crash last year of C-130 aircraft in which late President General Zia-ul-Haq was killed.

Zahid Malik, editor of pro-Islami Jamhoori Ittehad, Pakistan Observer and weekly Hummat, was arrested yesterday by a team of FIA officials outside his office in Islamabad.

The editor, who has deep links with the JI, the main opposition party to ruling Pakistan Peoples Party, had authored a book "Doctor Abdul Qadeer Khan and Islamic bomb" which was proscribed by the government, in which he made a number of revelations about the two sensitive issues of Pakistan, the bomb and the C-130 crash.

FIA officials backed up their detention by confiscating 650 copies of the controversial book, which is essentially a biography of Abdul Qadeer Khan, whom the foreign press has described as the "father of the Islamic bomb".

Considered to be Pakistan's top uranium enrichment expert, Qadeer Khan is the director of Kahuta nuclear research plant near Islamabad.

Malik, who is also the joint secretary of Pakistan Newspaper Editors' Council, said last week about a dozen journalists from his paper "Pakistan Observer" on the plea that he would help them publish a book from Lahore in the Punjab province, ruled by PPP rival UL.

State Minister for Information Javed Jabbar commenting on the arrest of the city editor said there was no political motive behind his detention by FIA. He had been held purely for security reasons, Jabbar said.

In his book Zahid Malik, among other things, says that with the change of the government in the country in December 1988, Doctor Abdul Qadeer Khan was stopped from making a nuclear bomb at the Kahuta plant.

The book also accused Pakistan of stealing nuclear formula and equipment from many countries and says that the allegations against Pakistan in this connection are correct.

Some years back a court in Amsterdam had convicted Qadeer Khan, whose wife is a Dutch national, for three years jail sentence for stealing sensitive weapon-oriented secrets from a Dutch nuclear facility during his stay in Holland.

**Russians welcome Iran shift on Afghan**

MOSCOW, Aug. 7 (Reuters). Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said today Iran was showing a new realism in its attitude to the Afghan conflict and expressed hope Pakistan would join negotiations for a settlement.

He told the Afghan news agency Bakhtar that Iran, which like Pakistan has provided bases and military support for thousands of mujahideen rebels, had adopted a "wholly positive attitude" to the problem of Afghanistan.

"Iran is calling for broad international Afghan dialogue, the aim of which is to create a representative government, reflecting the whole political spectrum of Afghanistan," he said.

The text of the interview was distributed by the Soviet Foreign Ministry as Shevardnadze flew home from a 24-hour visit to Kabul where he had talks with Afghan President Najibullah.

He said Iran could not be put in the same camp as other countries which were interfering in Afghanistan. "Here we see a hopeful tendency, witnessed by the growth of realism and a constructive Afghan policy in Tehran."

Last week Shevardnadze had talks in Tehran with Iranian President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, after which both men noted their positions on Afghanistan had grown closer.

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## Aoun to Soviets: Stop Syria

### Damascus hits panel reports as tanks battle

BEIRUT, Aug. 7 (Agencies). Syrian and Christian forces battled with mortars and tanks across Beirut's Green Line today, killing 7 people and wounding 38, after yet another night of savage shelling in Lebanon.

Christian Army chief Major-General Michel Aoun appealed to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to put pressure on Syria, an ally of Moscow, to stop the fighting.

The museum crossing, a 500 metre-wide stretch of wasteland linking the Muslim and Christian sectors of the capital, was closed as the battles erupted and people rushed for

cover in shell-rocked buildings. The Christian Voice of Lebanon radio station said mortars and tank shells crashed into the Christian suburbs of Ba'abda and Ashrafiyeh, setting dozens of cars and buildings ablaze.

The Sunni Muslim Voice of the Homeland said shells were falling at a rate of five a minute in areas of West Beirut near the Green Line. It reported many fires.

"We believe that you will not let history say that the Soviet Union stood helpless watching a country destroyed by Soviet weapons," Aoun said in a letter to Gorbachev.

"What the Syrian regime is doing to Beirut and other Lebanese cities reminds us of what the Nazis did to Stalingrad."

At least 567 people have been killed and more than 2,000 wounded in battles since mid-March when Aoun, who heads a military cabinet controlling Christian areas, blockaded Muslim militia ports and vowed to drive Syria's 40,000 soldiers from Lebanon.

Aoun appealed to Gorbachev to help the Lebanese to free their country of all foreign troops, a cabinet source said.

The pro-Syrian Shiite Muslim Amal militia said it was taking part in the Green Line battles, which followed heavy overnight shelling which killed five people and wounded 18.

Thousands of shells pounded Beirut until dawn today, forcing the city's remaining residents into dark shelters. Scores of houses were hit and cars were gutted.

Two baby sisters aged one and two were drowned yesterday when Syrian rockets overturned a boat taking people fleeing the bloodshed to a ferry. Syria is blockading the Christian enclave, home to more than 700,000 people.

High-level Arab League efforts have failed to stop the fighting, the worst in Lebanon's 14 years of civil war.

Algeria's Ambassador to Lebanon, Ali Khaled Al Hasnawi, said after talks with Sunni Muslim acting Prime Minister Selim Al Hoss that he had been urged to recall for consultations with his government.

"I was asked today to go to Algeria urgently. I think the subject of talks will be the Lebanese situation," Hasnawi told reporters as he left Hoss's home in West Beirut.

Algeria, Morocco and Saudi Arabia were given six months by an Arab League summit in May to end the crisis in Lebanon, which has had two competing governments since last September.

The three countries said last week their mission had failed because of Israel's occupation of part of south Lebanon and Syria's refusal to withdraw its troops until the Christian-dominated system was reformed and a new government elected.

Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq Al Sharaa criticised their report, saying the Arab summit called only for an Israeli pullout and made no mention of a Syrian withdrawal.

Sharaa said the mediators agreed during talks in Damascus to support a mechanism to monitor the ceasefire and search ships entering Aoun's ports but later backed away from their stand.

Hasnawi said Hoss gave him a letter to Algerian President Chadli Benjedid urging the Arab committee to "fulfill its brotherly duties towards Lebanon."

Asked whether the committee would resume its efforts, Hasnawi said: "I don't know, but I will find out soon."

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A Christian woman in East Beirut cries when she sees her house devastated by intense shelling. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Lebanese must leave

LIMASSOL, Cyprus, Aug. 7 (Reuters). Eleven Lebanese who tried to flee from their war-torn country to Cyprus in a small boat are to be expelled as illegal immigrants, police said today.

A police launch escorted the boat, which was discovered sailing without lights about half a mile from the coast, to the port of Limassol after it failed to contact the authorities.

Three of the men identified themselves as crew.

Thousands of Lebanese have fled via Cyprus since fierce artillery battles began in mid-March. A hydrofoil ferry from Cyprus is the only escape route from the Christian enclave.

## Tehran split on US line

NICOSIA, Aug. 7 (Reuters). Iran's leaders were deeply divided over relations with the United States today, with radical Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi calling for an anti-American offensive.

In an emotional appeal from the grave of revolutionary leader Ayatollah Khomeini, Mohtashemi took a far tougher line towards Washington than the new President, Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani.

Declaring that thousands of Shiite Muslims were ready to die to bring down the superpowers, he said a softening of Khomeini's anti-American crusade would lead to Iran's enslavement.

"The Imam (Khomeini) always attacked. He always had an offensive posture towards the United States," Mohtashemi said. His speech, last night, was broadcast on Tehran Radio today.

He did not mention Rafsanjani's offer last Friday, welcomed by Washington, to co-operate with the United States to resolve the Lebanese crisis and free hostages held there.

Mohtashemi, 43, who lost three fingers when a parcel bomb exploded in his hands in 1984, is widely admired among Shiite groups holding US hostages in Lebanon.

He said Shiites should be ready to shed their blood against the United States.

"Around the world, there are numerous Hezbollah cells, created by the holy breath of Imam, which cry the death of the superpowers and world arrogance," he said.

His speech was the strongest indication since Rafsanjani was elected Iran's President last month of the depth of anti-American feeling among some key figures in Tehran.

Mohtashemi, a former ambassador in Damascus, stood out among Iranian leaders last week by calling for harsh reprisals for Israel's kidnapping of Sheikh Abdel-Karim Obeid.

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## Israel rejects swap offer

## Higgins 'is' dead

### Curtain drawn on 'moves'

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7 (Agencies). FBI analysts have concluded that the body hanging from a rope in a videotape released by Lebanese terrorists last week is that of US Marine Lt Col William R. Higgins, Defence Department sources said today.

"It is our understanding that the study is concluded... evidently, they have concluded that the figure in the tape is Rich (Higgins) and that he is dead," said a Defence Department official, who spoke on condition he not be identified.

The sources said the study was not able to pinpoint the cause of death or when it occurred.

Higgins, head of a 75-member United Nations peacekeeping team, was kidnapped in south

Lebanon on Feb 17, 1988. His captors claimed last Monday that he had been hanged in retaliation for Israel's refusal to release a kidnapped Muslim cleric.

There have been some theories that Higgins could have been killed as long as a year ago after a US Navy ship shot down an Iranian passenger jetliner.

A videotape of a figure, hanging by his neck, bound and gagged, was released on July 31 as supposed evidence of Higgins' death.

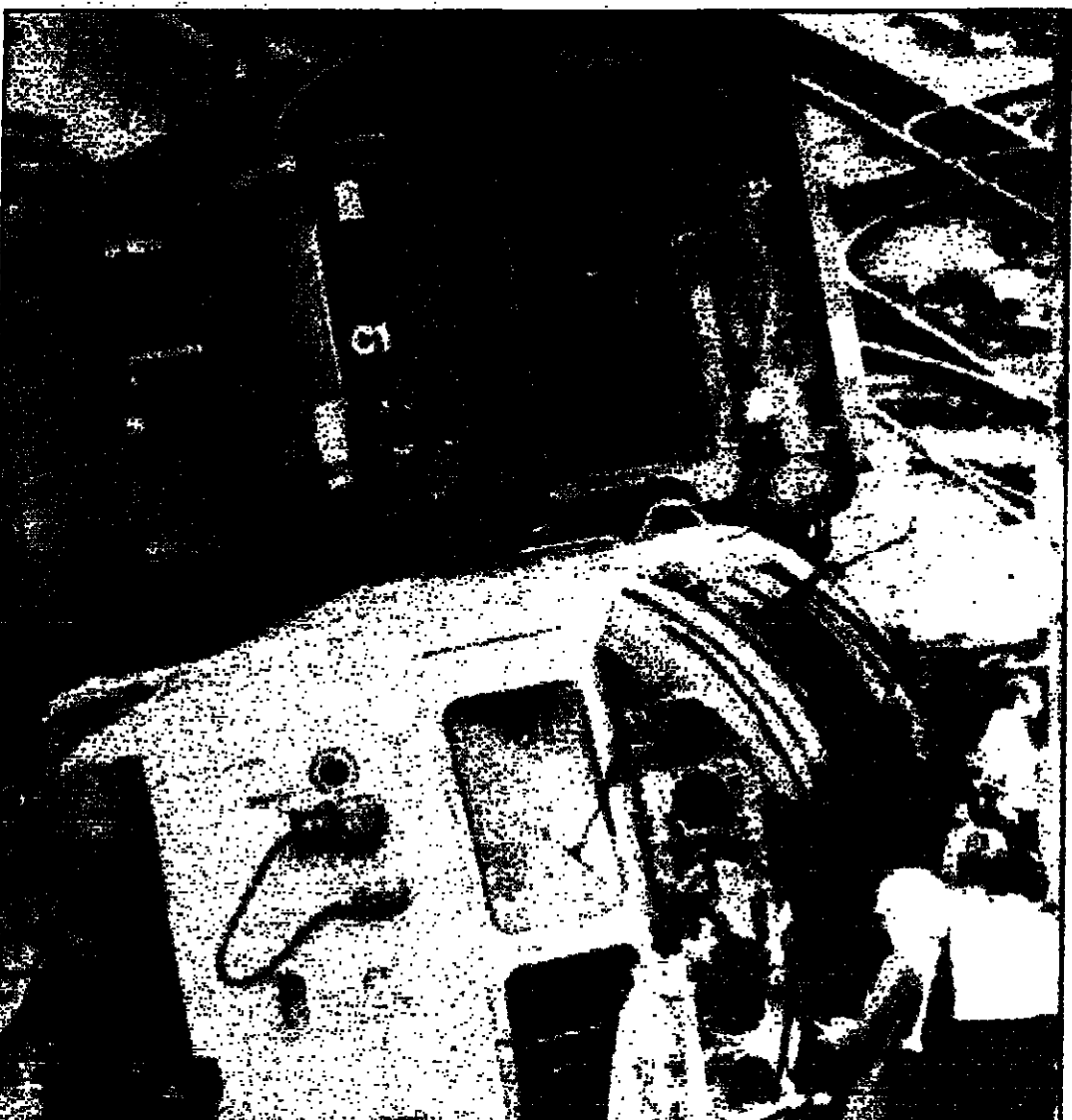
The FBI conducted the study of the tape and was expected to release a statement about the review later today, the source said.

Forensic experts who examined the tape said the body shown on the tape could have been someone who was dead for a while and not someone who had been killed the day the kidnappers claimed.

Earlier today, President George Bush praised Higgins as "the symbol of the courage" of US servicemen, during a ceremony marking the 200th anniversary of the founding of the war department, now the Defence Department.

White House Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater also said earlier today that Bush was cautiously optimistic that the remaining US hostages in Lebanon would gain their

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Train derails

An Oxford-to-London express train derailed at a suburban station on Sunday night, and two of the nine carriages tipped onto their sides, police said. At least eight people were injured.

The locomotive, which also derailed and rolled on its side, briefly caught fire, British transport police said. More than 100 people were aboard the train when it derailed at

Ealing station in west London, police said. Eight passengers suffered cuts and bruises and were treated at Ealing hospital, said a police spokesman.

The derailment blocked all lines out of Paddington station in northwest London to western England and Wales, the spokesman said. Picture shows the British Railways personnel survey the scene. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Jordan's PM due

KUWAIT, Aug. 7 (Agencies). Jordan's Prime Minister Zaid Bin Shaker arrives in Kuwait tomorrow and will be accorded an official reception at Kuwait's International Airport where he will be greeted by acting Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

The Jordanian premier will be accompanied by Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qassim and a number of government officials.

The mission of honour that will accompany the guest during his stay in Kuwait will be headed by Trade and Industry Minister and acting Finance Minister Faisal Abdul Razzaq Al Khaled.

Talks in Kuwait are expected to centre on Jordan's financial problems. Jordan is now rescheduling part of its foreign debt of more than \$7 billion and urgently needs Arab aid to help to bridge an expected foreign exchange gap.



I quit! New Zealand Prime Minister David Lange announces his resignation at a news conference held at parliament. (Reuters wirephoto)

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## NEWSWATCH

**Ties with Egypt:** Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi intends to announce the resumption of diplomatic relations with Egypt in his speech during Libya's celebration of the First of September revolution anniversary, according to press reports here.

"Al Wafd" newspaper, mouthpiece of opposition Wafd Party, quoted diplomatic sources here as saying that Khaddafi will invite Egyptian President Mubarak to attend the celebrations along with Arab and foreign leaders. (KUNA)

**Soviet unrest:** Two people were killed and 12 injured after gangs of Azerbaijanis attacked homes of minority Armenians in the Azerbaijani village of Balkash, a local official said.

The violence was the latest in a long-running dispute between the two neighbouring Soviet Transcaucasian republics over Nagorno-Karabakh, a province in Azerbaijan.

The attacks took place on Thursday, Azerbaijan's Foreign Ministry spokesman Ismail Agayev said.

"Two people were killed and 12 were injured, but in a short time the incident was localised," he said.

Many of those involved were Azerbaijanis who had fled from Armenia, amid worsening ethnic relations. (Reuters)

**Helping to escape:** Two men were on Monday committed for trial at the Old Bailey, accused of helping Soviet spy George Blake to escape from prison in England 23 years ago.

Antiques dealer Patrick Fortle, 50, and lecturer Michael Randall, 55, were given unconditional bail at Bow Street magistrates court in London.

They were charged with helping Blake to escape from prison in 1966, "conspiring to harbour him and conspiring to help him to evade recapture."

A dozen witness statements were handed to the court during today's brief hearing.

They were closely involved in the peace movement at the time of the offences. (KUNA)

**WHO warning:** People in Amsterdam, Brussels, Geneva, London and Zurich have been catching malaria — from mosquitoes carried around the world on long-haul flights.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) recommended on Monday that airlines disinfect their planes to kill tropical insects which might pass on malaria and other diseases.

"WHO calls for compulsory treatment of all aircraft making stopovers in countries where diseases are transmitted by airborne insects," it said. (Reuters)

**Roman temple:** Summer thaws have revealed a Roman temple, hidden under ice for centuries on the summit of a mountain in central Turkey, the Anatolian news agency said on Monday.

The temple, hewn into the rock of the 3,916-metre (11,700 feet) high Eriz mountains in Kayseri province and still partly covered with ice, probably dated back 2,000 years, museum officials said.

They said the temple, depicted in relief on Roman coins found in the region, was discovered by a group of climbers. (Reuters)

**Sentenced to death:** Six Sri Lankans have been sentenced to death for taking part in a failed coup in the Maldives last November, official reports from the Indian Ocean island group said on Monday.

The Maldivian High court passed sentence on Sunday and is expected to sentence 54 others, including 20 Maldivians, in the next few days. (Reuters)

**Captain detained:** A US Air Force captain being held at Kelly Air Force base in San Antonio, Texas, is under investigation for espionage on suspicion he may have sold electronic warfare secrets to the East bloc, defence officials said Monday.

The Air Force said Capt John Vladimir Hirsch, 33, has not been charged with any crime and is still considered on active duty, though he is not allowed to leave the base and is accompanied by a security officer.

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**DAY BY DAY**

**WHAT is the rationale for Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) to compel people who purchase petrol vouchers to lift a minimum of KD500 of this "finite" source of energy every month?**

This dictate indeed is not in the interest of KPC itself. A pragmatic policy, rather, would be for KPC to attract more customers. This is particularly true when viewed in the light of the fact that KPC gets paid cash in advance.

The insistence of KPC to maintain the minimum ceiling is an impractical measure as it prevents many people — particularly the aged from monitoring their petrol consumption. Additionally, it also prevents people from effectively controlling their drivers who invariably use these vouchers to obtain money for themselves.

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freedom.

"There are a lot of ideas being floated, a lot of exchanges being made, but it's primarily a matter of talking and listening and not signalling your moves. So we'll be very sunny with any comment on who's talking to who at this point," Fitzwater said.

But, he added, "we see ideas coming out from Iran, from Syria, Algeria, Israel, the United States — everybody."

"...but we will be careful not to respond to every new development... new statement, new idea because there's going to be a lot of them in the days ahead," the spokesman added.

The Defence Department sources said the FBI had informed the commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen Alfred Gray, and he, in turn, notified Higgins' wife, Robin, of the findings of the study.

The FBI review was "exhaustive," the official said. "They compared everything, from his hat size to his shoe size, to try to figure out if it was him. It was a very, very careful analysis."

Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, rejecting a new demand for release of a kidnapped Lebanese cleric, today urged Shiite radicals to use the "right, proper channels, of the Red Cross to arrange a hostage-prisoner swap."

Other Israeli officials said the government would only accept a deal if three Israeli soldiers were included, and right-wing politicians called for reprisals against Shiite radicals if they harmed Israeli POWs.

Meanwhile, UN officials said Undersecretary-General Mar rack Gouding will meet with Rabin tomorrow following his meetings in West Beirut with Lebanese and Shiite leaders.

Israel television quoted Western sources as saying Gouding could not report any real progress in the hostage issue.

"Everybody says they have heard different things, but no one had concrete evidence," about the hostages or the fate of Higgins, said UN spokesman Timor Goksel.

Gouding spoke after two meetings in West Beirut with acting Prime Minister Salim Hoss and Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah, spiritual guide of Hezbollah.

Algerian Ambassador Khaled Hassawi, leading a mediation effort by his country to help free the hostages, met with Hoss and later with Sheikh Sobhi Tofaili, a senior Hezbollah leader.

Both Tofaili and Hassawi told reporters afterwards their talks focused on ways of pressuring Israel to release Obeid.

**Chances**

Hasnawi sounded optimistic about chances of a deal to release the hostage in statements he made last week, when he began his mediation at orders from Algerian President Chadli Benjedid.

Asked today whether he still is optimistic, Hasnawi said: "I haven't set a deadline in any of my previous statements. It might take one, two or even three years."

He declined to comment on a report by the Muslim-controlled Voice of the Nation radio station that he has been summoned urgently to Algiers for consultations on the hostage crisis with the Algerian government.

Rabin, interviewed on the American television network ABC, said Israel had received no "real proposal" for swapping foreign hostages and captured soldiers from Obeid and other Shiites held by Israel.

The Defence Minister said if Shiite militants want a solution, "they have to turn to the right, proper channels of the International Red Cross and then we'll start negotiations."

"Announcing under fake names statements will lead nowhere and will not be taken as Israeli reaction," Rabin said.

His comments came a day after the Revolutionary Justice Party in Beirut issued a statement offering to exchange American hostage Joseph Cicippio for Obeid, 300 Shiite prisoners and 150 Palestinians jailed in the 20-month uprising against Israeli occupation.

In response to the offer in Beirut, Foreign Ministry spokesman Alon Liel said Israel still was insisting on its original proposal of swapping Shiite prisoners, including Obeid, for three captured Israeli soldiers and 17 foreign hostages in Lebanon.

"If we won't get the Israelis, there won't be a deal," Liel said.

**Swap**

Cicippio's brother Thomas, speaking from Norristown, Pa., told Israel Radio the swap should be "not for just one person, it should be for everybody."

In Moscow, meanwhile, the Soviet Tass news agency said that "the Soviet side made a relevant appeal to the Israeli government, on whom further developments depend most of all."

Israeli officials said Israel has received a Soviet message



Reproduction of photograph of US hostage Edward Tracy as issued by his captors to newspapers in West Beirut (Reuters wirephoto)



Hezbollah leader Hussein Musawi during a press conference in Baalbeck (Reuters wirephoto)

## HIGHLIGHTS

**CIA investigations:** Three high ranking officers from the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) participated in the current investigations of the Lebanese religious leader Abdul Karim Obeid, who was kidnapped by Israeli commandos from his house in south Lebanon ten days ago, Kuwaiti daily Al Rai Al Aam reported here yesterday.

The paper said, quoting American sources, the American officers took part in the investigations at the request of the Israeli intelligence, within the framework of security co-operation between the two intelligence agencies.

The sources also added, that Obeid who is a senior official in the Lebanese Hezbollah party is a prisoner in the Israeli Intelligence Command in Tel Aviv. Israeli War Minister Yizhak Rabin visited Obeid and talked with him several times, the sources told the paper. (KUNA)

**Obeid allowed to pray:** Israeli Army intelligence officers interrogating a captured Shiite Muslim militant halt their daily questioning to let him pray, official military sources said on Sunday.

The sources said Sheikh Abdel-Karim Obeid was allowed the traditional five prayers each day.

Security sources said Obeid had proven to be more valuable a source of information than expected but declined to elaborate.

Deputy Foreign Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Sunday Obeid had provided valuable information on Hezbollah's "terror apparatus" in Lebanon and Iranian control and direction of the group's attacks on Israeli forces. (Reuters)

**Americans favour negotiations:** Americans favour negotiations over military action to free hostages, according to an opinion poll released on Sunday by Time magazine.

Fifty-eight per cent favoured US negotiations to secure the release of hostages while 39 per cent were opposed, Time said. Official US policy rules out such negotiations.

Only 40 per cent of those polled would end commandos to free hostages while half opposed such action.

Only one-third favoured bombing hostage-holders' hideouts in Lebanon, even if innocent people might be killed, while 60 per cent opposed the idea.

Asked whether the United States should bomb Iran because of its alleged links to Lebanese hostage-takers, the 500 Americans polled by Time and Cable News Network television on August 3 were evenly divided at 45 per cent apiece. (Reuters)

**Abduction illegal:** Clovis Maksoud, the Arab League's US and United Nations representative, said yesterday extradition of a Shiite Muslim cleric from Israel to the US was "not germane," and that in declining to request this the US acknowledged his abduction was illegal.

Asked by KUNA whether the Bush administration had the right to ask for Obeid's return from Israel, the cleric had been implicated in the seizing of Higgins, a US Marine Corps officer, Maksoud said. (KUNA)

**Italy cautions:** Italian Foreign Minister Gianni De Michelis has told Washington that Rome would disapprove of a US military action in Lebanon aimed at solving the crisis over Western hostages.

De Michelis, whose country is home to the US Sixth Fleet, told the newspaper Il Messaggero in an interview published yesterday that Italy had disapproved of US air strikes against Libya in 1986 and would take the same attitude over Lebanon.

Ships from the Naples-based Sixth Fleet sailed to waters off Lebanon last week after pro-Iranian kidnappers threatened to kill American hostage Joseph Cicippio in retaliation for Israel's abduction of a radical Shiite Muslim cleric. (Reuters)

**EEC appeals for release:** The 12-member European Economic Community (EEC) appealed yesterday for the immediate release of all hostages held in Lebanon and called on any party with influence on the abductors to use it.

A statement issued in Paris by the EEC's French presidency noted that no further executions of hostages had been announced since the kidnappers of American William Higgins said a week ago they had hanged him.

At least 17 Western hostages, including many from EEC states, are believed to be held in Lebanon. The EEC regretted that international appeals for their release, as well as bilateral contacts, had so far failed. (Reuters)

**Rafsanjani's denial:** Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani yesterday denied a British newspaper report that he sent a letter to US President George Bush on the hostage crisis in Lebanon.

The Sunday Times of London reported Rafsanjani had sent the letter last week and described its tone as conciliatory.

Rafsanjani's office yesterday issued a statement calling the Times report, "a bundle of lies."

In his sermon Rafsanjani said that the United States must pressure Israel to release Sheikh Abdul-Karim Obeid, captured July 28 by Israeli commandos in South Lebanon. (AP)

**Initial steps on hostages:** According to reports by Radio Israel yesterday initial steps had already been taken in the negotiations on exchange of hostages between Israel and Lebanese Shiite organisations.

The radio, monitored here, quoted head of the Knesset (parliament) foreign and security affairs committee Eliahu Ben Elissar as saying that despite threats quiet contacts were under way for "a prisoner exchange."

He said that negotiations, which already started, should be left to the proper channels so as not to harm the process and explained that the committee was getting first hand reports on this issue. (KUNA)

**'Iran behind Pan Am bombing'**

NEW YORK, Aug 7. (Reuters) Newsweek said on Sunday that the US Central Intelligence Agency and Federal Bureau of Investigation are convinced that Iran was behind the bombing of Pan American Flight 103 which exploded over Scotland last December, killing 270 people.

Iran has denied any responsibility for the blast.

Quoting "sources in Washington," the American news magazine said evidence which might soon be made public suggested that Tehran hard-liners conspired with the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command.

According to Newsweek, the sources said the evidence included a tape-recording of a conversation made by a "friendly intelligence service" in which an Iranian diplomat discussed the bombing with PLFP-GC leader Ahmed Jabril.

through its embassy in Washington, but would not give details.

But Israeli media reports quoted the message as criticising Israel for Obeid's abduction. It also reportedly said the Soviet Union was making intensive efforts through Iran and Syria in order to prevent a further escalation in the hostage crisis.

In Lebanon, Hussein Musawi, a leader of the Hezbollah, threatened yesterday to kill an Israeli soldier if Obeid was not returned.

Deputy Foreign Minister Ben-

## Sri Lanka's next move on Friday

India withdraws 875 more troops

COLOMBO, Aug 7. (Agencies) President Ranasinghe Premadasa has put off until Friday his next move on Sri Lanka's dispute with New Delhi over the withdrawal of Indian forces, political sources said today.

As India continued pulling out a further 1,500 of the 44,500 troops remaining on the island, Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi said in New Delhi there were no simple solutions for ending Sri Lanka's ethnic strife.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman quoted Rajiv as telling Indian

"A special cabinet meeting is scheduled for Friday... so that the president will be able to arrive at a decision," the statement added.

**Debate**

The opposition was expected to call for a debate in Parliament on the troop withdrawal and on the worsening security situation on the island, political sources said.

A diplomatic crisis erupted last month when Premadasa asked Rajiv to withdraw all its troops by July 29, the second anniversary of an accord which sent them to the island to help end a Tamil separatist rebellion.

Rajiv said the troops could be brought home only after more powers were given to the Tamil-dominated northeast and its security ensured.

A threatened confrontation between the two countries was avoided at the last minute when Rajiv made a token pullout of 600 troops on July 29 and Premadasa agreed to send Wijeratne to New Delhi for talks.

Political sources said that at the talks India reiterated it was prepared to pull back the troops as Colombo devolved power to northeast province and a Tamil security force was set up to fill the vacuum caused by the withdrawal.

Indian sources said 875 soldiers left for home yesterday from the northern port of Kankasanturai and 700 would go tomorrow from Trincomalee in the east.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman in New Delhi quoted Rajiv as saying today that the troops would not "stay a minute longer than necessary."

A former Tamil rebel group, the Eelam Revolutionary Organisation of Students, accused the Indian troops today of killing more than 70 civilians and damaging 300 houses in operations at Valveturai in the north since August 2.

The group, now represented in Parliament, asked in a letter to parliamentarians for a commission to be set up to inquire into the killings.

Indian sources in Colombo said they had no information about the alleged incidents.

The officials, who cannot be identified under briefing rules, also said 29 others, including a Buddhist monk, died in Sinhalese radical violence during the last two days.

Residents in the northern town of Vavuniya said by telephone that about 70 Tamils were killed in strafing and shelling by Indian forces.

**Confirmed**

The residents, quoting travellers from other northern areas who arrived in Vavuniya, said 23 people of the dead had been identified as civilians by their relatives.

An Indian diplomat confirmed the military offensive but said just three Tamil rebels, belonging to the dominant Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam group, were killed in the Friday-Saturday offensive.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said he had no reports of any civilian casualties.

The claims could not be independently confirmed, as movement in the Jaffna area is restricted by the Indian peace-keeping troops who were sent to the northeast two years ago to disarm Tamil rebels.

Meanwhile, a Tamil rebel leader today warned of "serious consequences" if his cadres are not released from the prisons of Maldives where they have been detained on charges of trying to overthrow the government.

Manikkathasan, deputy leader of the People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam (PLOTE) in a statement issued to local newspapers said, "some of our cadres are detained at Maldives. They should be released."

Mohammed Ahmed, a Maldivian Foreign Ministry official, said the sentences were ordered yesterday by the high court in Male, the capital of the Maldives.

Other sources in Male, said Chief Justice

Moosa Fathy read the sentences at a public hearing after trial lasting nearly two months. No dates were set for the execution, said the sources, who declined identification.

Ahmed said there was no higher court of appeal and only President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom could commute the sentences.

Executions in the Maldives are carried out by firing squad. They are rare.

The last death sentence carried out in the

country was in 1953, said Ahmed, who was contacted by telephone from New Delhi.

Eight other Sri Lankans were sentenced to jail terms of varying lengths, Ahmed said. He said he did not know the exact terms.

A total of 68 Sri Lankans and seven Maldivians were arrested after the Nov 3, 1983, coup attempt, which was crushed by Indian paratroopers responding to a call for help from Gayoom. At least 17 people, mostly local

## Hero or criminal?

Some revere Bapu's killer

PUNE, India, Aug 7. (UPI):

The ashes of the man who assassinated Indian

independence leader Mohandas "Mahatma" Gandhi more than 40 years ago sit in a small silver urn atop a cupboard in a tiny apartment, saved for a day that likely will never come.

Nathuram Godse, Gandhi's slayer, asked in his will that his mortal remains be preserved until India and Pakistan were reunited and then scattered on the waters of the holy Sindhu river.

Every year on the anniversary of his Nov 15, 1949, execution, hundreds of people gather at the ancestral home of the Godse family in Pune to swear a collective oath to fulfill Nathuram Godse's last wish.

For them he was not a fanatic or a criminal, but a hero.

"I felt great joy that the honour of murdering Gandhi fell upon our family," proclaimed Dattatray Vinayak Godse, the eldest of the assassin's three surviving brothers.

**Hatred**

To the world, "Bapu," Gandhi was the apostle of non-violence and the man who led India to independence in 1947 from 200 years of British rule.

But his advocacy of communal unity and his ultimate agreement to the creation of Islamic Pakistan through the partition of the subcontinent earned him the hatred of fundamentalist Hindus to whom India and Hinduism are inseparable.

Religion has always been a volatile element in the politics of the subcontinent and when partition took place many areas exploded in a frenzy of communal rioting and mayhem that claimed more than 500,000 lives.

Nathuram Godse had been involved in politics since his teens when he joined the movement to end the British raj. After independence he started his own regional newspaper, which he used as a vehicle for his outspoken attacks against Bapu's policies.

Although Nathuram Godse was not personally affected by the bloodshed, he decided to kill Bapu, whom he believed had betrayed India by pandering to Muslim interests.

"Our region was not partitioned. Our houses were not burned. Our women were not raped. But when the Hindus of Punjab were being massacred, we felt as if our people were being murdered," explained another of the killer's brothers, Gopal Godse, who served 17 years in jail for participating in the assassination conspiracy.

**Executed**

At 5 pm on Jan 30, 1948, as Bapu was about to begin public prayers outside the mansion of a New Delhi disciple, Nathuram

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adult.

To the family, he was not the lunatic that he was labelled by the government, nor was he the great hero that the Hindu Maha Sabha would have people believe. He was, relatives said, a brave man they loved and respected deeply.

"We brothers loved each other very much," said Dattatray Godse. "I miss my brother."

For the Godses, the harassment they have endured has become routine. Part of the family house was burned by a mob after the assassination and government agents lived with them for 25 years, monitoring their every move. Even now, people occasionally throw stones through their windows.

But they still find sympathisers and are said to wield clout in local politics because of Gopal Godse's position as general secretary of the Hindu Maha Sabha.

"Nathuram was a true patriot," said Narendar Shah, the owner of a general store near the Godse home. "The Brahmins of Pune respect the Godses because they know that without Nathuram they would all be dead. Everybody wanted Gandhi killed. They just didn't want to be the ones to do it."

But another neighbour disagreed. Speaking on condition of anonymity, she said, "Gandhi's murder was an evil act by an evil man."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Stolen boat

OSLO, Norway, Aug 7. (AP) A local sheriff had to cling to a stolen cabin cruiser's deck for a wild three-hour ride through heavy seas over the weekend after he tried to arrest the three men who stole it.

"I was scared to death... I had a lot of trouble hanging on," Fjor district sheriff Odd Larsen, 46, said in a telephone interview today.

Larsen spotted the stolen 35-foot (10.7-metre) cabin cruiser late Friday at a dock in Western Norway. When he boarded to arrest the suspects, they took off at full speed with him on the slippery deck.

The boat raced at 35 knots (40 miles per hour or 64 kilometres per hour) through ocean waves so large that police and rescue boats had to give up the chase, Larsen said. Police said the boat repeatedly flew through the air after hitting 5-metre (16-foot) high waves.

## Warehouse theft

HAMBURG, West Germany, Aug 7. (UPI) Thieves broke into a auctioneer's warehouse and stole a concert piano that once belonged to Adolf Hitler as well as a gilded safe built during the French Revolution, police and company officials said today.

A police spokesman said the thieves apparently broke into the warehouse of the Hamburg Auction House for Historical during the weekend, loaded the piano and the gilded safe onto a truck and drove off.

A spokesman for the auction house said the objects were to be auctioned Sept 15 and 16 in the northern German port city of Hamburg.

## Beuve-mery dies

PARIS, Aug 7. (AP) Hubert Beuve-mery, who founded Le Monde in 1944 and made it France's leading daily, has died at the age of 87, the newspaper announced today.

Beuve-mery, known for his journalistic independence and his moral authority at the time, was a serious fall, Le Monde said.

"He was a great leader," Jacques Fauvet, Beuve-mery's successor as editor-in-chief and publisher of Le Monde, said on French radio. "He had great independence of spirit and moral authority at the same time."

The austere tabloid, its grey covers, was only rarely broken by photographs, became known for its authoritative and thorough coverage of foreign and domestic affairs, complete with footnotes in tiny print.

## Royalties donated

MOSCOW, Aug 7. (UPI) Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has donated \$350,000 in royalties from his book on perestroika reforms to a new hospital for children in Siberia, Pravda said yesterday.

"The foreign earnings of the book 'Perestroika, New Thinking for our Country and the World,' will be used to buy medical equipment for the children's hospital in Irkutsk," Pravda said.

It said Gorbachev reasoned that "the situation with medical services in Siberia, above all for children, is more difficult than in the country's European part," Pravda said.

"It was decided to set up several major centres there," it said. "A children's clinical centre in Irkutsk will be among the first. A local hospital is being refurbished for it."

## Under control

ASPROPIRIGOS, Greece, Aug 7. (AP) A blaze in a pipeline leading to the country's biggest refinery was brought under control today after it threatened to engulf refining facilities in flames.

The fire erupted from sparks set off by a welder working on an empty pipeline. A pipeline carrying heating fuel running parallel to the empty pipeline, ignited from the heat.

Fire fighters from Athens, 21 kilometres (13 miles) away, from the nearby state refinery, battled the blaze for two hours before bringing it under control. Taps controlling the flow of fuel in parallel pipelines from the refinery to the loading platform, were turned off.

## AIDS donations

MOSCOW, Aug 7. (Reuters) The Soviet committee to fight AIDS appealed today for hard-currency donations to buy disposable syringes and other equipment from abroad.

The Communist Party daily Pravda carried an appeal from the committee, noting statistics that predicted the number of AIDS cases in the Soviet Union would swell drastically and peak in 1997.

"The committee asks all ministries, agencies and social organisations to provide hard currency for the fight against the awful infection," the appeal said.

According to figures provided by the committee, there are 11 full cases of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome in the Soviet Union and 312 of the HIV virus that causes the disease.

## Protest staged

BERLIN, Aug 7. (UPI) In a action coinciding with the 44th anniversary of the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima, the environmentalist organisation Greenpeace staged a protest at the "checkpoint Charlie" border crossing which divides the American and Russian military sectors, a West Berlin police spokesman said yesterday.

About ten members of the Greenpeace Organisation took a mock bomb of 1.5m (4ft) diameter behind the demarcation line in the East Berlin sector, he said.

The Maldivian government said the Sri Lankans were mercenaries and belonged to Sri Lanka's rebel group, the People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam. This group had participated in a Tamil separatist war against Sri Lanka's Sinhalese majority.

Ahmed said the others arrested were scheduled to appear for verdicts and sentencing later this week.

## Dhaka floods kill 9, strand 400,000

DHAKA, Bangladesh, Aug 7. (AP) About 40



# Who gets custody of frozen embryos?

MARYVILLE, Tennessee, Aug. 7. (Agencies): A decade ago, in vitro fertilisation was on the cutting edge of medical technology, and embryos produced by the procedure are now breaking new legal ground.

Beginning today, lawyers for Junior Davis and his estranged wife, Mary Sue Davis, were to argue before Blount County Circuit Judge W. Dale Young the ownership of seven frozen embryos stored in a hospital lab about 15 miles (24 km) away in Knoxville.

Junior Davis, who filed for divorce earlier this year, contends that his wife should not be allowed to use the eggs to bear a child or donate them to another couple, thereby forcing him into unwanted fatherhood.

Mary Sue Davis, 28, says her biological

clock is ticking and the frozen embryos may represent her last chance to have children.

Young, who first got interested in law by watching the legendary Circuit Judge Sue K. Hicks during the landmark Scoops Evolution Trial, concedes that there is no law to guide him in his decision.

But Young is not alone in having to decide a case in which no precedent exists. Other legal questions have evolved since the advent of the in vitro procedure.

A couple who had the procedure performed at a Norfolk, Virginia, fertility institute moved to California, then asked the lab to have the embryos transferred.

The Howard and Georganna Jones Institute for Reproductive Health refused, arguing that a consent agreement signed

by Risa and Steven York gave them no rights to the embryos outside the institute's jurisdiction.

The Yorks, the institute said, could have an embryo implanted at the institute, donate it to another couple, offer it for experimentation or have it destroyed. The case is set for a jury trial this fall.

Legal experts say cases like the Yorks' and the Davises' will proliferate in years to come because of the 4,000 embryos now held in cold storage across the country.

Most ethicists agree that couples considering in vitro fertilisation should seek professional counselling before having the procedure performed, and, as in the case of the Davises, agree beforehand what is to be done with the embryos in the event of death or divorce.

John Robertson, a University of Texas law professor who serves on the Ethics Committee of the American Fertility Society, says couples considering in vitro fertilisation should enter into a legally binding contract that provides for disposition of the zygotes.

"A legal contract in this case would have precluded any of this taking place in court," Robertson said. "Basically, I think what the judge is faced with is determining which party will be hurt the worst in the case, and deciding in favour of the other party."

"In that case, it would seem that the person under the least amount of burden would be the woman, because she could get married or find another sperm donor and have the procedure performed again," Robertson said.

# Copenhagen used as cocaine transit point

## Danes arrest two for smuggling

COPENHAGEN Aug. 7. (UPI): An American woman and a Lebanese man have been arrested by Danish police in two cocaine seizures which authorities say herald the flooding of Europe's narcotics market with South American drugs.

"The American market appears to be saturated and producers now seem to be targeting Europe," Denmark's narcotics police chief Bengt Ejlerskov said today.

Ejlerskov told reporters that at the weekend, customs police at Copenhagen's Kastrup Airport has arrested a 51-year-old Lebanese

In Denmark the cost per gramme of cocaine had fallen, Ejlerskov said, from 3,500 kroner (\$460) to 1,000 kroner (\$130) in an attempt to get addicts interested in using cocaine.

"What was previously a jet-set drug has now become commonplace because of the price and we must get used to the fact that cocaine is going to be a major problem in Europe in the future unless we are successful in fighting the smugglers," Ejlerskov said.

The weekend discovery of cocaine, packed in the false bottom of a trunk, came following a similar case last week when an American woman was arrested.

The 44-year-old woman, who has not been identified, travelled from Rio de Janeiro to Budapest, Hungary with a transit stop in Denmark.

During her transit in Copenhagen, a suitcase was checked, but the woman's trunk which police say was filled with 8 kilograms (16.6 lbs) of cocaine, and it was removed from the ongoing flight.

On arrival in Budapest, police say, the woman telephoned Copenhagen airport to declare her luggage missing whereupon prearranged Hungarian police arrested her.

The woman was extradited to Denmark Friday (8-4) where she faces charges of narcotics smuggling.

"In 1989 so far we have seized 30 kilograms (75 lbs) of cocaine in the whole of 1988 we only took 9.7 kilograms (21.3 lbs)," Ejlerskov said.

He said it was not clear why Denmark appeared to have become a transit centre for cocaine smugglers from the Americas to Europe.

"These organised groups weigh risk factors and consequences and one explanation may be that Denmark is known as a country that treats its prisoners well," Ejlerskov said.

# U2 star in court

DUBLIN, Aug. 7. (Reuters): Adam Clayton, bass guitarist with the superstar Irish rock band U2, appeared in court today accused of two drug offences.

The 29-year-old musician was arrested near his Dublin home last night and charged with possessing cannabis and intending to supply the drug to another person.

Clayton, who said nothing in court, was granted bail until the next hearing on Sept. 1.

U2 have sold more than 50 million records world-wide. Their album "The Joshua Tree" won a Grammy Award in the United States last year.

# Oh Calcutta show closes

NEW YORK, Aug. 7. (AP): Oh Calcutta, billed as "the world's longest running erotic stage musical" closed yesterday after almost 6,000 Broadway performances, but may be headed for a US and Latin American tour.

The revue opened June 17, 1969, at off-Broadway's Eden Theatre, newly named to emphasize the nudity in the show. There were ten in the cast then.

The final performance at Broadway's Eden Theatre, had eight in the opening number, "taking off the robe," and 11 in the finale as a few cast members returned for a final scamper in white robes and in the flesh.

# Tough US anti-drug plan

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7. (Reuters): The Bush administration's new strategy in the war against drugs could include military-style camps to reform offenders and five-million-dollar bounties for helping to catch narcotics kingpins.

The blueprint, which federal drug chief William Bennett must present to Congress on Sept. 5, is likely to be tough and controversial. Some proposals contained in preliminary drafts circulated by Bennett have already drawn fire.

Critics fear, for example, that giving cash rewards for top international drug suspects — such as Panamanian leader General Manuel Antonio Noriega — could interfere with traditional law enforcement methods.

Among proposals under discussion are alternative punishments to imprisonment for first offenders. These include confiscation of driving licences, weekend detention at home, and publishing their names in newspapers. Offenders could also spend time in rigorous military-style training camps, according to the draft.

Bennett plans to tighten existing legislation which bars drug users from getting federal licenses for

various activities. The draft suggests increasing foreign aid to help Latin American countries — the major source of cocaine in the US combat drug production and processing. That aid could possibly triple to more than \$300 million.

Bennett is also said to favour the training of South American narcotics officials by US special forces, the elite "Green Beret" commandos. The plan does not envisage US military strikes against overseas drug operations, although that course of action has some supporters in Congress.

One suggestion to assassinate international drug cartel leaders that surfaced informally during the early planning process was quickly rejected, government sources said.

Bennett's plan, which the sources say will cost more than \$7 billion annually compared to the \$6 billion now budgeted, will also boost grants for drug treatment centres and programmes in the United States.

Bennett has said his new strategy will contain no quick solutions. "There is no magic bullet," he told reporters.

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

CALIFORNIA: Mary Steenburgen says there are advantages to making ensemble movies, like her latest Paramount production, *Runaway Train*. "You have a good time on camera and between takes," Steenburgen said. "When you spend three months of your life doing a movie, it's important to enjoy yourself. In this picture, the affection was infectious. Steve and Rick always made us laugh. We loved listening to Jason tell his tales of the old Hollywood and playing parlor games that Rick dreamed up on the set." Steenburgen credits director Ron Howard with creating the good time mood. "Ron was responsible for the happy atmosphere," she said. "He has a wonderful ease with actors and an upbeat attitude that sets the pace. We had the feeling we were working on a very successful picture." (UPI)

BEVERLY HILLS: Since filing for divorce a few weeks ago, the Tonight show's Ed McMahon has been living in one wing of his Beverly Hills house and his estranged wife, Victoria, is staying in another wing. Victoria, 44, says she was surprised when she was served with the divorce papers. "We've been having some problems but I was hoping we could work them out," she says in People magazine. "Ed's drinking became a problem. He did stop drinking altogether for his health but it's a little too late. You don't stay married for 13 years without making some mistakes. I love Ed and I always will but I don't know whether we'll be able to get back together." McMahon, 66, is more certain about the prospects of reconciliation. "No way," he says. "Never." Victoria says someone bugged her telephone and that McMahon had her followed but she denies reports that she had a relationship with a masseur. (UPI)

COLOMBUS: Danny Aiello, one of the stars of Spike Lee's "Do the Right Thing," will be the grand marshal of New York's Columbus Day Parade on Oct. 7. The husband-and-wife team of Vic Damone and Dianne Carroll will perform at the post-parade banquet. Those attending the World of Poetry convention, which opens in Washington, DC, Sept. 1, will be entertained by Donald O'Connor and Mickey Rooney. Another actor, Tony Randall, will present the World of Poetry's grand prize, which is \$15,000. (UPI)

LOS ANGELES: Milton Berle and Red Buttons led mourners during an often-humorous memorial service for fellow comedian Jim Backus, who died last month.

"We thank the good Lord for sending Jim Backus to us," Berle told about 30 people who gathered for the directors Guild of America Service.

The comedian added: "When Jim was born, there was a star in the east — me."

Backus, the voice of the iconic Mr. Magoo cartoon character and star of the old *Colgate* TV series, died July 3 after a lengthy bout with pneumonia. He was 76. (AP)

NASHVILLE, Tennessee: Singers Anne Murray and Kenny Rogers will be co-hosts of the 23rd annual Country Music Association Awards Show on Oct. 9.

The association announced that the two-hour show will originate at the Grand Ole Opry House. Eleven awards will be presented during the programme. (AP)

LOS ANGELES: Olympic gold medalist Greg Louganis has settled a lawsuit against his former housemate and business manager, who was allegedly threatening the champion diver.

"The lawsuit has been amicably resolved," Louganis' attorney, Pat Benson, announced. No details were disclosed.

Louganis, who won gold medals for springboard and platform diving in both the 1984 and 1988 summer Games, has turned to an acting career. (AP)

PHILADELPHIA: Tickets for the Rolling Stones first US tour stop didn't last long. Some 100,000 tickets for the Aug 31 and Sept 1 Steel Wheels shows went on sale in Philadelphia at 10 am Saturday and they were gone by 12:45 pm. (UPI)

BEVERLY HILLS, California: Zsa Zsa Gabor may not see any misadventure comparable in the personnel file of the policeman who arrested her following a street confrontation, a judge ruled.

Municipal judge Charles G. Rabin issued the order during a pretrial hearing focusing on the file of officer Paul Kramer whom Miss Gabor has described as an "empty headed, gorgeous man" and "sadist." (AP)

BEVERLY HILLS, California: Actor Karl Malden has been elected the 27th president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the entertainment industry organisation responsible for the Oscar ceremonies. Malden, who won an Academy award in 1951 for *A Streetcar Named Desire* and was nominated again in 1954 for his performance in *On The Waterfront* replaces public relations executive Richard Kohn whose one-year term expired.

Malden's other film roles include *Baby Doll* in 1956, *One-Eyed Jacks* in 1961, *Patton* in 1970 and *Nuts* in 1987. (AP)

FORT WORTH, Texas: Pianist Van Cliburn finally is getting a platinum record for his album that became the first classical LP to sell a million. RCA Records presented Cliburn with the award for his 1958 recording of Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1 with conductor Kiril Kondrashin and the RCA Symphony. According to the Guinness Book of World Records, Cliburn's album passed 2 million in sales in 1967 and 2.5 million copies in 1970, sales reached 1 million by 1961.

RCA officials would not disclose the number of copies that have been sold. A company spokesman said she was uncertain why a platinum record had not been bestowed earlier. (AP)

KANSAS CITY, Missouri: Two bumbling bank robbers nearly foiled their own getaway when they drove a stolen car over nails they had strewn on the pavement to slow their pursuers.

The car, with a flattened tire, was found less than two streets away from the Mercantile Bank branch the men robbed Friday. Witnesses said they saw the men hustle out of the car and run across a weed-covered field with the bank's money after abandoning the vehicle at a car wash.

The robbers entered the bank wearing ski masks and dark blue jumpsuits, told the bank's employees to lie on the floor, then took an undetermined amount of money from tellers' drawers. (AP)

CHIHUAHUA, Mexico: Hundreds of prostitutes are threatening to strip in front of the Government palace unless authorities allow the red-light district to re-open, according to news reports.

"We don't have anything to lose," said Magdalena Aguilar, a spokeswoman for the newly formed Chihuahua Prostitutes Union.

"If they put us in jail, it will be made," she was quoted as saying in the yesterday's edition of the Mexico City daily *La Jornada*.

Chihuahua, a northern provincial capital, is about 250 miles (400 kilometres) south of the Texas border city of El Paso. (AP)

WASHINGTON: The number of violent crimes reported nationwide in 1988 increased 5.5 per cent from 1987 to a new high, with murders rising 2.9 per cent to 20,675, the Federal Bureau of Investigation says in a new report.

The overall murder rate was 8.4 per 100,000 people. Washington, DC led the nation in the rate of murders and non-negligent homicides, with 39.5 per 100,000. The FBI report said 369 people were killed in the nation's capital last year, while city police have reported 372 people were slain.

Coming in second was Detroit, with 57.9 murders per 100,000 people, and Atlanta was third, at 48.8.

Among the 34 cities with at least 400,000 residents, the lowest murder rate was in San Diego with 144 slayings for a rate of 1.34 per 100,000. The second lowest was San Jose, California with 37 homicides for a rate of 5.1 per 100,000.

# 3 days of peace, music recalled

WOODSTOCK, New York, Aug. 7. (Reuters): Twenty years ago this month almost 500,000 pot-smoking, nude-sunbathing, peace-loving hippies and would-be hippies descended on a farm in rural New York State and turned the Woodstock Music Festival into the symbol of a generation.

"We had food, we had pot, we had acid, we had speed, we had everything," said John Maloney, 42, who attended the concert. "I don't really know when it did end. It never really did end."

Called an "Aquarian exposition" featuring "three days of peace and music," the festival ran from Friday, Aug. 15, to Sunday, Aug. 17, 1969.

Its stellar musical lineup included Jimi Hendrix, The Grateful Dead, Richie Havens, Jefferson Airplane, Santana, The Who, Ravi Shankar, Joe Cocker, Janis Joplin, The Band and Joan Baez.

"The roads were blocked in every direction," said Fred Obermeyer, deputy supervisor of the town of Bethel, where the festival actually took place, about 50 miles (80 km) from Woodstock. "Some of them walked 10, 12 miles (15 to 20 km). The roads were lined with tents and cars."

"It was hell, that was all. No one knew what to do or where to go," he said, trying to describe what it was like for a town of 3,300 to be swamped by half a million.

"We initially planned on 100,000 and by the time the festival got close we figured on 250,000, but we never gave a figure over 50,000," said Michael Lang, who managed to persuade dairy farmer Max Yasgur to let the organisers use one of his fields for the festival.

"It felt so right. Everybody felt so comfortable with it. The attitude of the crowd was positive. There was a real feeling of togetherness," said Lang, who still promotes rock bands.

"It was a lot of free spirits coming together — together with the stuff that was passed around," said Eve Otto, 46, who runs the "Garden of Eve" and almost anything shop, also a dry cleaning service, in Woodstock and describes herself as the "last of the Bohemians."

However, Brian Hollander, 41, who attended the festival as a now the supervisor of the town of Woodstock, said the festival had "less to do with tie-dyed hippies tripping in the meadows than a real awakening of values."

He said those values had grown into concerns for the environment and the consumer movement. He also cited growing support in the past two decades for Amnesty International, Greenpeace and the National Organisation for Women in the United States.

"That's been the real maturation of the Woodstock values," he said. Joel Makower, who edited "Woodstock: The Oral History," agreed. Noting the music was often second-rate because of the difficult conditions — it rained for two of the three days — he said: "Musically it was a footnote in the rich history of rock and roll. Culturally, it helped to define a generation."

The rain turned much of the field into mud and for many it was more of an endurance test than a mellow coming together of free spirits. "It was three days of mud and music," said Maloney, who is now a salesman in New York City. "It was super uncomfortable, kinda cold, a pigsty."

Although the festival took place 50 miles away, it has been organised by a group in Woodstock, which has been an artist's colony since the last century, and the name has gone down in the history books.

"We're the most famous small town in the world," claims the radio station in this town of 7,000.

Its population doubles at weekends as tourists seek out tie-dyed shirts, drowse in bookstores with such titles as "My Magic Garden: A Meditation Guide for Children," or eat a Yasgur Farm salad at the Tinker Street Cafe.

Hollander said the town was gearing up for an influx of visitors for the anniversary, but had not taken any measures other than to have police stand by if there are traffic problems.



Weathering the storm

Yachts and fishing boats are beached at Mangrove Bay in Somerset, Bermuda, during a brush with hurricane Dean on Sunday. About 20 pleasure boats, most of them moored in Hamilton Harbour were reported sunk or adrift. About 15 homes were damaged from flooding and winds that tore apart roofs and knocked down walls. Electrical service was cut for many of the island's 65,000 residents. But the winds of up to 113 miles (181 km) per hour caused no injuries. (Reuter wirephoto)

# Crooks prey on believers

## Faithful flocks fleeced

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7. (AP): Swindlers, claiming God is their co-investor, bilked thousands of Americans out of more than \$450 million in the last five years, according to a study released today by state securities regulators.

"Because of the growing number of investment con artists who are out to fleece the flocks of the faithful," John C. Baldwin, president of the North American Securities Administrators Association, said in a statement.

"Religiously oriented swindlers are one of today's hottest tickets for investment con artists," said Baldwin, who also is director of the Utah Division of Securities.

The national survey, a joint effort of the Securities Association and the Council of Better Business Bureaus, detailed investigations into investment schemes with religious overtones in 15 states.

The survey said the increase in "false prophets of investment has resulted in a surge of state-level complaints from consumers about fraud and abuse by self-proclaimed 'born again' financial planners, con artists claiming to be endorsed by local and national church officials, and givers of 'divinely inspired' investment advice about coins, precious metals, real estate and oil and gas well programmes."

The alleged scams outlined by the report, "Preying on the Faithful: The False Prophets of the Investment World," included:

■ A former preacher and Sunday school teacher, now serving four years in prison, who conned more than 600 investors in 20 states "who believed they were dealing with a man blessed by God with extraordinary business abilities."

■ The former treasurer of a large Alabama church, also now imprisoned, who took an estimated \$18 million from investors who were promised a return of up to 30 per cent a month.

■ Swindlers who bilked 10,000 investors in Utah out of \$215 million by falsely claiming connections to the Mormon hierarchy.

■ An oil and gas drilling company ordered by Massachusetts and Missouri authorities to stop selling stock to investors who were told the firm would use Old Testament prophecy to decide where to drill in Israel.

Some scam artists cite Biblical predictions of disaster or social chaos to woo investors for phony gold or rare coin schemes, the report said.

In addition, it said con artists are often able to escape or delay prosecution by taking advantage of their victims' fear of embarrassing their church or faith if they report an investment scam.

Officials said the survey's results reflect only part of the problem because it considered only scams where investor losses exceeded \$500,000.

The survey detailed major investment scams and state investigations involving 15,000 victims in Alabama, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Missouri, New York, Oklahoma, North Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah and Washington.

Officials said no religious group appears to be more or less susceptible to con artists.

# Addict's murder shocks Swiss

ZURICH, Switzerland, Aug. 7. (AP): A few steps from the imposing Zurich National Museum, where visitors browse through Switzerland's history, passers-by are confronted with the country's most pressing current problem.

Platzspitz Park, once a favourite picnic spot, has become the gathering point for drug addicts in one of the world's wealthiest countries. Switzerland has virtually no unemployment, but it is plagued with one of the highest drug-addiction rates.

Most tourists, admiring Alpine views or shopping for watches and chocolate, are unaware of the problem. Many Swiss failed for years to grasp its magnitude.

But a recent killing at the Platzspitz shocked the country. An addict was tied up, gagged and drowned following an argument over a piece of chocolate.

"What's wrong with Switzerland? Are we too well-off? Have our young people really lost all sense of where they are going?" wailed Blick, the country's top-circulation tabloid.

Last year, Switzerland recorded 205 drug deaths, compared with 136 in 1986. Figures for the first half of this year suggest yet another sharp increase. Neighbouring West Germany, with a population 10 times that of Switzerland's 6.5 million, had only three times as many such fatalities in 1988.

In searching for solutions to the drug problem, a government-established independent commission has recommended legalising possession and consumption of small amounts of drugs.

"Punishing addicts for harming their health does not achieve anything. They need help," Commission president Francois von der Linde said in a recent interview.

The Swiss federal executive has yet to reply to the recommendations, which Arthur Grob of the Zurich Police Narcotics Department dismisses as "impossible and unworkable."

Dr Werner Fuchs of the Zurich AIDS Intervention Project is also pessimistic.

"There is no solution to the drug problem," he said. Instead, he argued, the top priority should be containing the AIDS virus among Switzerland's 10,000-15,000 heroin addicts. The disease can be spread through using contaminated hypodermic needles.

Switzerland has the highest AIDS rate in Europe with 122.1 cases per million people, ahead of France with 115.3, according to the World Health Organisation.

Fuchs is part of a network of doctors, nurses, social workers and volunteers working 16 hours a day at Platzspitz. They provide needles, free AIDS tests, meals, washing facilities and advice to those who will listen.

Zurich city fathers have authorised the free distribution of syringes in several cities, on an experimental basis, to counter the spread of AIDS. Fuchs says that in good weather, his team hands out as many as 5,000 new syringes a day in Platzspitz in exchange for used ones.

There is no agreed view on why Switzerland has a drug problem, although some experts feel the country's wealth plays a role.

Social worker Vigeli Venzin says young people look for alternative forms of life because they are increasingly tired of traditional Swiss conformity. Markus Fach, an education expert, cites the "greater discrepancy between the pressure to perform and the approach to life of many young people."

Dr Jean-Bernard Ramelet of the Swiss Federal Health Office says the young are disaffected because their parents concentrate too much on work and their savings books. "They ignored the family," he said. "The young feel left out."

Hans Kind, a retired Zurich University professor of psychiatry who has pleaded for legalising drug use, says the problem was largely caused by the ban on consumption, which no longer is enforced in most of Switzerland.

# Pregnant wife killed trying to shield husband

PALERMO, Sicily, Aug. 7. (Reuters): Government ministers and police chiefs held hundreds of mourners today at the funeral of a young policeman and his pregnant wife who were gunned down by Mafia hitmen.

The funeral was in the same church where Antonio Agostini, 28, and his wife Ida, 20, were married last month.

Agostini was the first policeman killed in the Sicilian capital, Palermo, since January 1988. He was not involved in anti-Mafia work but police today said he may have accidentally

stumbled across incriminating evidence of mob activity.

Saturday's killing has raised tensions in Palermo, where anonymous letters accusing top investigator Giovanni Falcone of illicit work methods have virtually paralysed anti-Mafia operations and led to a major judicial inquiry.

State police officer Antonino Agostini, 28, and his bride of one month, Giovanna Ida Castellucci, 20, were gunned down late Saturday at their seaside bungalow near Palermo.

A family member said the young woman may have been pregnant.

"The killers didn't hesitate to shoot even when the woman tried to shield her husband," said Palermo prosecutor Ferdinando Masone. "It has all the marks of a Mafia killing."

Typical of such crimes, the three or four killers escaped on two motorcycles, one of which was set afire a short distance away when the death squad shifted to an automobile.



## INTERNATIONAL

## Decision on Contra plans expected

TELA, Honduras, Aug. 7. (Reuters): Central American presidents appeared close to agreement last night on a plan to disband US-backed Contra rebels fighting Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government.

Honduran President Jose Azcona said two proposals to demobilise the Contras were under discussion at a Central American summit meeting here and they coincided on most points.

"For this reason the five presidents believe we can reach an understanding to sign (a demobilisation plan) or to include it in a general summit document," Azcona, the host of the summit, told a news conference.

The presidents said earlier they had agreed in principle to disband the Contras, 12,000 of whom are based in Honduras, but were still discussing technical aspects.

There were no enforcement procedures established by the leaders, who do not support the Contras and have no direct authority.

Taking part in the talks here are the leaders of Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, Costa Rica and Nicaragua.

The rebels have rejected early demobilisation. Contra spokesman Pepe Matus told a news conference in Tula that the rebels were fighting for democracy in Nicaragua.

"We are not going to hand over our weapons until the causes of the war disappear," he said.

The three-day summit at the Honduran seaside resort of Tela is scheduled to end today.

The US administration, which has backed the Contras throughout the eight-year war, wants the rebel army kept intact until next February to pressure the Sandinistas to hold free elections.

Azcona said foreign ministers were working late last night to combine the two demobilisation plans into a single document for presentation to the presidents. One plan was put forward by Honduras and the other worked out in negotiations between deputy foreign ministers of the five countries.

However, he said the presidents had not agreed on a calendar for disbanding the rebels.

Nicaragua is calling for demobilisation to begin immediately and to be completed within 90 days, according to delegation sources.

Dialogue between the Nicaraguan government and the Contras was vital for them to disband voluntarily, Azcona said.

Azcona suggested that the United Nations send a peace-keeping force to patrol the border between Honduras and Nicaragua.

He said there was consensus among the president to include in the final communique a clause of the demobilisation of El Salvador's leftist Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) guerrillas.

Nicaragua has opposed Salvadoran attempts to link disbanding of the FMLN to demobilisation of the Contras, saying the two cases have nothing in common.

Nicaraguan advisers suggested the plan could include a call for a national dialogue and negotiations between the right-wing Salvadoran government and the guerrillas on a ceasefire in the decade-old civil war.

Azcona said the final document must also include a section on a Nicaraguan complaint against Honduras before the world court. Honduras wants Nicaragua to withdraw a complaint over the presence of the Contras in Honduras.

**Baker in Mexico**  
Secretary of State James Baker, accompanied by a 52-member delegation including top cabinet members, arrived in Mexico City yesterday on the eve of the seventh US-Mexico binational commission meeting.

Upon his arrival at the presidential hangar of Mexico City's Benito Juarez International Airport, Baker did not make any statement, but Mexican and US embassy officials termed the meeting as an "important" event in the new era of US-Mexico relations.

Mexican and US embassy officials said the binational commission meetings, which begin today will focus on drug trafficking, illegal immigration, bilateral trade and investment, border pollution and cultural relations.

**Zamorales takes helm**  
Onetime Marxist revolutionary Jaime Paz Zamora became president of Bolivia promising to pursue free market economic policies and battle the threat of drug trafficking in his coca-producing nation.



**Peaceful warplanes**

Soviet warplanes came in peace to the United States on Sunday, landing for refuelling at a US Air Force base in Alaska en route to an air show in Canada.

Antonov-225 (right), the largest aircraft in the world and designed to carry the Soviet space shuttle Orbiter, were flown by Soviet civilian test pilots.

US Air Force officials said the three planes caught Elmendorf Air Force base by surprise by landing nearly two hours ahead of schedule. The reason was not immediately known.

The planes were escorted into US airspace by nine F-15C and F-15D Eagle fighters whose usual mission is to intercept Soviet bombers in international airspace, the Air Force said.



**Sailors toast**

Soviet and American sailors toast each other with a traditional Russian 'Kvan' refreshment, in Sevastopol on Sunday. Two American warships are in Sevastopol visiting for the first time since 1975. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Possibility of refloating vessel

## Soviets may raise nuke sub

MOSCOW, Aug. 7. (UPI): Soviet military men are considering raising a nuclear attack submarine that caught fire and sank off Norway in April, killing 42 sailors, the Izvestia government newspaper said yesterday.

It also said that in the last 20 years, four Soviet nuclear submarines have sunk compared with two for the United States. It said an April 1970 Soviet sinking cost 52 lives, a June 1983 accident, 16 lives, October 1986 another four lives and the April 7 sinking in the Norwegian Sea, 42 dead.

But in listing the accidents, the government newspaper said that

the Navy had already raised one sunken submarine in June 1983 from a bay it did not identify. It said that sub went down in 150 feet (50 metres) of water on its way out of a bay. It did not say where.

Izvestia said that the panel that investigated the sinking of the submarine Komsomolets on April 7 has considered a similar operation could lift the "Mike-class submarine that went down about 310 miles (500km) off Norway, killing 42 of 69 aboard."

"The commission also considered the possibility of refloating the sunken submarine," Izvestia said. "The operation will

cost hundreds of millions of roubles (hundreds of million of dollars), but fulfilment of this very difficult engineering and technical task could be a step forward in technological development."

"Besides, refloating such structures had an environmental and an economic importance."

"No final decision has been taken on this issue yet," it said. It said the commission will make its final decision in three months time on whether to raise the vessel that weighs 5,000 tonnes and is more than 400 feet (120m) long.

"The operation to bring the vessel up will take more than 5,500 tonnes of steel cable," it said.

Izvestia said that the Komsomolets went to the bottom carrying two torpedoes with nuclear warheads "they pose no danger," it said. "The reactor was shut down and practically completely cooled."

"The experts established that the radiation situation on the ocean surface and in the direct vicinity of the sunken sub is normal," it said.

The commission said that the very measures required to shut down the reactor led to the spreading of the fire.

## US-Soviet arms cut talks adjourn

## Disputes remain unsolved

GENEVA, Aug. 7. (AP): US and Soviet arms negotiators today ended their first talks on cutting long-range nuclear forces since President George Bush took office, with the Soviet side saying major disputes remain unsolved.

Both sides agreed to reconvene Sept. 25, after a meeting in Washington between US Secretary of State James Baker and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze on several issues, including arms control. Soviet chief envoy Yuri Nazarkin reiterated today that the seven-week session made progress on some technical points but failed to solve major outstanding issues in the 4 1-2-year-old talks.

Both sides have made plain that full agreement on a Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, or START, is not in sight.

A major dispute from the start has been over US plans for the space-based "Star Wars" missile defences, formally the Strategic Defence Initiative. Moscow links a START treaty to what Washington considers crippling restrictions on Star Wars.

Nazarkin, who announced the resumption date after a final meeting with US head delegate Richard Burt, said the latest round produced agreement on some treaty terminology and clarified "technical details and procedures."

But, he said, "whatever progress has been made does not involve, to my regret, solutions to major outstanding issues."

Responding to a US proposal, the Soviet negotiator said to test anti-cheating measures before a START accord is completed "could be helpful" and is being studied by Moscow. The Soviet Union recently reversed its opposition to another US demand for inspection of chemical weapons stockpiles prior to completion of an agreement.

Nazarkin also appeared to backtrack on published statements during the round by high Soviet military officials, saying Moscow had not shifted its official position on the thorny issues of mobile intercontinental ballistic missiles and sea-launched cruise missiles.

"We were not instructed to put forward new ideas" on these points, he told a press conference.

On Star Wars-related issues, Nazarkin also said "the sides' positions are too wide apart to allow for any progress."

Discord persists over long-range nuclear-tipped cruise missiles based at sea. Moscow wants to include them under START's limits but Washington refuses, saying their presence cannot be monitored reliably.

Progress was reported on monitoring provisions for mobile missiles, but the sides still disagree on whether they should be allowed at all. The United States wants to ban the weapons, which it does not have. The Soviets, who have such missiles, reject a ban.

## Solidarity not to join coalition

## A blow to Kiszczak's efforts

WARSAW, Aug. 7. (Agencies): Solidarity said today it had rejected a Communist Party proposal to join in a coalition government and urged the party to make way for an opposition administration.

Solidarity's decision dealt a blow to Prime Minister Czeslaw Kiszczak's efforts to make the opposition share responsibility for an economic austerity programme exemplified by food price rises of up to 500 per cent last week.

Solidarity's parliamentary leader, Bronislaw Geremek, turned down Kiszczak's offer of several government ministries for the opposition when they met in Warsaw on Saturday, the Solidarity newspaper Gazeta Wyborcza said.

The government's removal of almost all food price subsidies last week sparked brief strikes in several big industries, notably the railway and telecommunications networks. Solidarity reported no serious labour unrest today.

Solidarity fears its public prestige could diminish if it enters the government as a junior member and is forced to accept partial responsibility for a further fall in living standards.

In addition, Solidarity strategists say the movement is entitled to form a government on its own because its victory over the Communist Party in elections in June showed it is the only popular political organisation.

The formation of a cabinet by General Kiszczak is not the government that Poles have been waiting for," Solidarity leader Lech Walesa told reporters in the Baltic port of Gdansk.

Walesa called today for a coalition government in Poland excluding the Communist Party and grouping the opposition

Solidarity movement with all small political parties other than the communists.

"The only political solution to the present situation is the creation of a Council of Ministers based on a coalition of Solidarity, the United Peasants' Party, and the Democratic Party," the Solidarity leader said in a statement.

The United Peasants' Party and the Democratic Party have for decades acted as loyal allies of the communists. But in Poland's current climate of rapid political reform, they have suggested they are looking for a more independent role.

Jacek Kuron, a leading Solidarity adviser, said he had told Kiszczak that a Polish government needed strong public support and a communist-dominated team was incapable of mustering it.

"The premier did not deny this, but this does not mean that he agreed with my opinion," Kuron said. "He explained that the government, in implementing its reforms, could be supported by the opposition and he is counting on such support."

Kiszczak, a former interior minister who masterminded the imposition of martial law in 1981, was appointed prime minister on August 7.

Some Solidarity activists say they were disappointed by Kiszczak's appointment. Jaruzelski's move to the presidency and the promotion of another veteran politician, Mieczyslaw Rakowski, to lead the Communist Party.

They say most ordinary Poles associate the three men with unpopular policies of the past, even if they have turned into advocates of reform in the last 12 months.

## Promises, promises

## 'Apartheid continuing'

CANBERRA, Aug. 7. (Agencies): The Commonwealth Committee of Foreign Ministers on South Africa has been warned not to be taken in by South African government statements that it is committed to dismantling apartheid.

Speaking at the committee's fourth meeting, in Canberra, Commonwealth Secretary-General Shridath Ramphal and Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke, warned that the South African government was not to be trusted as similar statements had been made in the past years and had been followed by even greater oppression of the black majority.

"There has been much talk of a new mood in South Africa, of new political possibilities in a post-Botha era which is good, if it were true," Shridath said.

"Remember that is what was said about the post-Vorster era until P.W. Botha twice failed to cross the rubicon as he promised and went on to inaugurate the most vicious denial of freedom ever inflicted in the country, including Vorster's worst years," he said.

The ministers called for harsher sanctions against apartheid South Africa and condemned renewed sporting contacts with that country.

But Shridath said proposed rugby and cricket tours of South Africa should not be allowed to jeopardise next year's Commonwealth Games in New Zealand.

Hawke, Canadian External Affairs Minister Joe Clark and Shridath spoke at the opening of the three-day meeting of the Commonwealth Foreign Ministers Committee on Southern Africa.

The committee was to consider the use of trade and financial sanctions against South Africa for its apartheid policies of racial discrimination," Shridath said.

"The repression continues still," said Hawke, who criticised sporting bodies for seeing the end of sports segregation as evidence that South Africa had mended its ways.

Sixteen English cricket players have agreed to play in an unsanctioned tour of South Africa next January and February.

Shridath said Botha announced recently that the South African government was committed to dismantling apartheid ending white domination.

"Let me just remind you that was precisely what the South African government told the Commonwealth Eminent Persons group (CEP) in 1986."



**Defiance campaign**

Police have told former political detainees that they could face criminal charges for breaking restrictions imposed on them by attending a church service.

Twenty anti-apartheid activists subject to restriction orders attended a service in a packed Methodist church in the Cape Town suburb of Athlone yesterday evening as part of a defiance campaign organised by the anti-government Mass Democratic Movement (MDM).

Police spokesman Jan Calitz told reporters that officers had visited 16 of the 20 at their homes by midnight, telling them that they were under investigation for breaking their restriction orders.

He declined to say what action could be taken against them.

(Picture shows (L-R) Whitley 'Pokwana', Mama, Zihlangu and Trevor Marueta's arrest by attending the church service.

## 'Virtue of her safety' Angels patrol

PARIS, Aug. 7. (UPI): Guardian Angels leader Lisa Sliva took a patrol of vigilantes down to some of the most dangerous metro stations in Paris to preach the virtue of her safety patrols to Parisian commuters.

"We are on a crusade for the rights of man," Sliva, 31, said at a press conference at the bustling Chatelet Les Halles station. "We are not a paramilitary group."

"We are volunteers, non-violent people. We only intervene if somebody is in danger, to rescue him," she said.

Sliva had already tried to establish a Guardian Angel chapter in Paris in 1984 but gave up that attempt because of lack of popular support.

She says she is determined to convince Parisians this time. Eventually she intends to establish her volunteer patrols in Lyon and Marseille as well.

"In London also we received a frosty welcome," she told France-Soir newspaper. "Now the population is more in favour of our action. If this second attempt fails on Paris we will try a third time with different contacts."

Sliva hinted that she may deploy all-women patrols of subway vigilantes in Paris, as the Angels have done in the London underground. "In New York our brigades are mainly composed of men. The problem is different, our action there is a war against drugs," she said.

"Delinquency in Europe is of a different nature — attacks against women, elderly people. I think a presence by women is more dissuasive."

If the test this week in the metro is successful, Sliva says she will recruit 20 French volunteers who will be trained in London in martial arts and psychological resistance. They then will be awarded the Angels' legendary red caps and will tour the metro networks unarmed.

## Britain and Argentina to hold talks

LONDON, Aug. 7. (AP): A newspaper said today that Britain and Argentina are to hold direct talks within the next two weeks, raising the prospect of restoring diplomatic ties severed over the 1982 Falkland Islands War.

The Times of London said Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher gave the go-ahead for talks in New York after Argentina's new leader, President Carlos Menem, agreed the discussions could begin without the issue of the islands' sovereignty being raised.

After two months of negotiations between the two sides, Britain's Ambassador to the United Nations, Sir Crispin Tickell, will meet his Argentine counterpart, Marcelo Delpech, the Times said.

Crispin met Argentine Foreign Minister Dante Caputo in December in one of the few direct talks since the war. They primarily discussed UN matters but also touched on the Falklands issue, British aides said.

As with all such military missions, the exact launch time, the identity of the payload and the mission duration were classified. But sources said the flight would last about five days and that landing was planned for Sunday morning at Edwards Air Force Base, California.

Columbia's most recent mission ended just 10 days before the Jan. 28, 1986, Challenger disaster and since then, the orbiter has been virtually rebuilt with more than 200 modifications to improve flight safety.

For that reason, sources said, Shaw and company will spend one of their five days in space putting the shuttle's systems through a thorough workout.

Columbia's countdown began on time at 12:01 am (0401 GMT) Saturday. A preliminary schedule obtained by United Press International showed the intricate procedure was to have entered a planned 17-hour, 10-minute built-in 'hold' at midnight yesterday.

Based on the preliminary schedule, however, the lengthy hold was scheduled to end at 5:10 pm (2110 GMT) today when engineers were to move a gantry away from the spacecraft, exposing Columbia to view.

## NEWS IN BRIEF



**Screening begins**

Racial Engineer, Dr Sue Robertson is monitored while running on a treadmill, as she and 150 other would-be astronauts began their screening to be the first Briton in space with a place on the Anglo-Soviet June mission set to blast off in 1991. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Attack on reform

MOSCOW, Aug. 7. (Reuters): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's reform programme came under fierce attack on Sunday from a local Communist Party official from Lenin's home town.

In a sign of growing disquiet among the ranks of local party workers, O. Kazarov, second secretary of the Ulyanovsk region, dismissed suggestions by Gorbachev that the party was lagging behind changes in society.

## Murder charges

MILAN, Aug. 7. (Reuters): A magistrate committed four men for trial today over the murder 19 years ago of an Italian police officer central to the case that inspired the hit-play "Accidental Death of an Anarchist."

Examining magistrate Antonio Lombardi said the four were charged with complicity in the murder of senior detective Luigi Calabresi, shot dead outside his home in Milan in May, 1972.

## Proposals criticised

BONN, Aug. 7. (Reuters): A senior West German official today attacked proposals by West Berlin's new government of Social Democrats and Greens to cut flights to the city, describing it as the most sensitive point in the West.

Heide Pflar, West Berlin's minister in charge of federal affairs, said on Friday she wanted to stop 24 daily flights between the city and other West German airports because they are noisy and uneconomical.

## Young men fined

LONDON, Aug. 7. (KUNA): Two young men have been fined £400 each for illegally boarding a jumbo jet at London's Heathrow airport, just three months after the Lockerbie air disaster, it was reported today.

Lionel Scruvill and Darren Whelan from Acton, West London, pleaded guilty at Uxbridge magistrates court to entering the airport's maintenance area.

## Asylum seekers

BONN, Aug. 7. (AP): More than 200 East Germans have sought refuge in the West German embassy in Hungary, West German media reported today.

The standoff comes as reform-minded authorities in Budapest say they may take the once-unthinkable step of granting some East German political asylum.



# New Zealand's prime minister resigns

WELLINGTON, Aug 7, (Reuters): Prime Minister David Lange, who transformed New Zealand in five years of social and economic upheaval, resigned today leaving open the question of his succession.

Lange did not explain precisely why he was resigning after five turbulent years in office but told a news conference his health was a contributing factor.

"I'm looking forward to a very healthy future. It will not however be as prime minister," said Lange, who has fought a lifelong battle with obesity.

"I intend to step down," he said.

Asked if health lay behind his decision to go, Lange said his doctor had told him "my not continuing would be compatible with my health."

Lange, 47, was hospitalised last year for a heart condition and underwent stomach stapling in 1983. Lange told a news conference he would quit

because he had set his Labour government back on course after "flirtations with lunacy" — a reference to the radical free-market policies of former finance minister Roger Douglas.

New Zealand's financial markets fluttered nervously but recovered quickly after the shock resignation, the dollar rebounding to 0.5875/85 US dollars after falling nearly one US cent on opening.

Lange's departure could bring Douglas, once his closest political ally but now a sworn foe, back into a powerful cabinet post after eight months in the political wilderness.

Political analysts said Douglas's election back to cabinet last week, despite Lange's strong opposition, and question marks over the prime minister's health seemed to have played a major part in his decision to go.

Lange fired Douglas last December after the two

clashed over how far to take Labour's shock treatment aimed at stimulating a declining New Zealand economy.

Without naming names, Lange said last month's budget had proved the turning point away from Douglas's hardline policies. "That budget put an end to what had seemed hitherto to be some sort of relentless juggernaut of the new right."

Since the budget, which stressed social issues as well as sticking to the fight against inflation, Labour has staged a dramatic comeback in opinion polls. Lange's government has slashed the opposition National Party's lead of up to 26 percentage points back to just six in the latest poll.

"I was proud of that budget. It seems the way ahead," said Lange. "The polls have demonstrated the electorate has the conviction that the Labour Party can win the 1990 general election and I have

that conviction."

Labour members of parliament will decide at a meeting tomorrow who will lead the party into the election, due in October next year. Lange will then formally resign and the winner become New Zealand's next prime minister.

Three front-runners have emerged: Deputy Prime Minister Geoffrey Palmer, External Relations and Trade Minister Mike Moore and Douglas himself.

In Canberra, Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke lost no time in making his forecast.

"It's assumed, I think, that Geoffrey Palmer would succeed Mr Lange," he told reporters. "Assuming that he's going to be the prime minister ... I can look forward to working very effectively and well with Geoffrey."

Rod Alley, political scientist at Wellington's Victoria University, agreed.



New Zealand's Deputy Prime Minister Geoffrey Palmer leaves a meeting at parliament house today. (Reuters wirephoto)



## Bridge collapse

The 30-metre Okuragawa bridge is shown after it collapsed Sunday night in a flooded river in Iwaguchi, Japan. Three cars carrying a total of 11 people plunged into the river. Six people died and the other five are still missing, police said.

The flooding was caused by tropical storm Mac, which swept across northern Japan triggering floods and landslides that killed eight people and left seven missing. The

typhoon also injured 15 others and destroyed 12 houses. A 23-year-old man died when he fell into a flood-swollen river in Fukushima and a 55-year-old housewife was buried by a landslide, a policeman said.

He said a 52-year-old man disappeared while helping firefighters repair the banks of a river in Fukushima, and another person was missing in Miyagi prefecture, immediately north of Fukushima. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Fasting to mark uprising

BANGKOK, Thailand, Aug 7, (AP): A group of 72 young members of the leading opposition party began a fast in Burma's capital today in remembrance of pro-democracy demonstrators the Army killed a year ago, a Western diplomat said.

On Aug 8 last year, tens of thousands of people in Rangoon joined in what was then the largest protest against a quarter-century of authoritarian rule.

The next day, soldiers shot dead hundreds of demonstrators.

The national agitation continued but was finally crushed after Gen. Saw Maung seized power on Sept 18 and his troops killed hundreds more people and

imposed martial law.

The diplomat, reached in Rangoon by telephone from Bangkok, said the 72 members of the National League for Democracy were fasting in the party's office in Rangoon.

They planned a two-day fast to protest the killing and to demand the release of political prisoners, said the diplomat, speaking on condition he not be further identified.

He said the protest was "feeble" compared to those staged before authorities arrested the two leaders of the party on July 20 and began hauling in hundreds of party members.

The party's Secretary-General, Aung San Suu Kyi, has been reported on a hunger strike but no details have emerged.

"I don't doubt that she started it (the hunger strike), but I am rather doubtful that she is still on it," the diplomat said.

"If she had stuck to it, she would probably be dead by now."

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## OIC criticises Aquino

Mindanao autonomy issue

JEDDAH, Aug 7, (AP): Philippine President Corazon Aquino was criticised yesterday by the 46-nation Organisation of Islamic Conference for failing to grant self-rule to Filipino Muslim minority in her country's southern Mindanao region.

Legislation she signed Aug 1 "does not concur in any way with the provisions of the Tripoli agreement and the organisation cannot support

such a law," said a statement issued from its headquarters in the port of Jeddah.

The OIC is a political co-operation grouping of Muslim nations world-wide.

The statement demanded full implementation of the 1975 OIC-sponsored Tripoli agreement that provides for full autonomy for the southern Philippines' 13 Muslim-dominated provinces.

The group also rejected Aquino's organic act signed Aug 1 because it failed to recognise the Moro National Liberation Front, which leads the fighting for Muslim rule in the Mindanao.

The statement, signed by the OIC Secretary-General Hamed Al Gabid, called on the Manila government "to fulfil its international obligations by implementing the Tripoli agreement and outlining a final settlement for the problem, instead of creating new obstacles."

Manila should resume a dialogue with the MNLF and "refrain from heightening tension by imposing a law that does not meet the aspirations of the Muslims of south Philippines," the statement said.

The statement noted the renewed OIC backing for the MNLF and its demands at the last foreign ministers' meeting, held in the Saudi capital of Riyadh earlier this year.

When Aquino came to power, she had agreed to OIC efforts to arrange a dialogue with the MNLF for a settlement of the Mindanao problem on basis of the Tripoli agreement.

The accord was signed during the rule of former President Ferdinand Marcos but never implemented.

The OIC to date has refused to consider a membership demand by the MNLF as part of efforts to reach a compromise solution with the Philippines government on the Mindanao.

The OIC position was communicated by Al Gabid to Manila's Foreign Secretary, Raul S. Manglapus, during an official visit he paid to Saudi Arabia in June.



## Arraignment put off

Philippine police lead top communist leader Satur Ocampo (second from right) from a Manila courtroom today. A judge postponed today's scheduled arraignment of Ocampo and his guerrilla wife, Carolina Malay, to allow a prosecution investigation of their case. To the left of Ocampo is his 75-year-old father, Armando. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Big role in world favoured by Kaifu

TOKYO, Aug 7, (AP): The front-runner in the three-man race for prime minister said today that the nation should play a greater role in international politics and fulfil "the world's expectations of Japan."

Tomorrow, the governing Liberal Democratic Party votes for a new leader, who will become prime minister by virtue of the LDP's majority in the more powerful lower house. Three candidates presented their positions today to follow party members in speeches that were nationally televised.

All three candidates agreed that Japan's governing party badly needed rescuing after money and sex scandals contributed to the loss of its majority in parliament's upper house in national elections July 23. Voters also were angered by a new 3 per cent sales tax.

Just two months after replacing scandal-tainted Noburo Takekoshi, Prime Minister Souda Uno said he would resign to take responsibility for the election defeat.

Toshiki Kaifu, 58, is seen as most likely to become the next prime minister because he is backed by major factions within the LDP.

"I believe the LDP's resurrection is the only way for Japan to maintain freedom, democracy, peace and affluence," said Kaifu, a former education minister.

"It is not enough for Japan to simply maintain the security treaty with the United States and not to play more a responsible role now that Japan has grown so powerful and economically affluent," Kaifu said today.

"We are responsible for fulfilling the world's expectations of Japan," he said.

Japan, for example, could help Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev in his efforts to restructure the Soviet economy and open up its politics, Kaifu said. He added Japan also could contribute to the opening of Eastern European countries.

Kaifu is running against Shin-ichi Ishihara, 56, a former transport minister who comes from the party's nationalist wing, and Yoshiro Hayashi, 62, a former welfare minister. None of the three has a strong personal power base in the party, but most senior LDP leaders have been tainted by the Recruit Co. influence-buying scandal.

The winner will be selected tomorrow in a secret ballot by the party's 405 members of parliament and 47 local representatives.

Results are expected tomorrow afternoon, and parliament is expected to confirm the new party leader as prime minister on Wednesday.

Hayashi, the soft-spoken former bureaucrat in the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, stressed cleaning up Japan's politics and proposed a "global new deal" to aid other nations.

"Public anger toward the party has not calmed down even after our election defeat," Hayashi said today. "There seem to be persistent distrust and anger among the people."

Ishihara, a best-selling novelist, declared, "the party's leadership still lacks a sense of crisis. It seems as though the prime concern for many party members is no more than self-protection. I think the LDP's decline has come to the point where it can't fall any further."

Ishihara, co-author of a recent book, "The Japan That Can Say No," repeated that theme today.

## Seoul students hurl firebombs Attack on spy agency HQ

SEOUL, Aug 7, (AP): Radical students hurled firebombs at the headquarters of the national intelligence agency today, and an opposition leader spoke out against a crackdown on dissidents.

Ten extremists attacked the agency for national security planning, but no damage was reported and two of the students were arrested, said the South Korean news agency Yonhap.

In Targu, radical students hurled rocks and shattered windows at guardposts in front of the US cultural centre last night during a street clash between several hundred students and riot police, Yonhap said.

That attack came after an anti-government rally at Kyongbuk University to protest what radicals called the

government suppression of a new teacher's union. Six students were arrested, but no injuries were reported.

Also today, Kim Dae-jung, leader of the opposition party for peace and democracy, spoke out against a three-month crackdown on dissidents and the investigation of three citizens' illegal visits to communist North Korea.

"Anti-democratic forces within the ruling party are threatening democracy," said Kim, who was detained for 22 hours last week for questioning in connection with an illegal trip to the north by a lawmaker in his party.

He said the questioning was unnecessary because he had no knowledge of the case and others had already provided information. Kim charged the government with harassment aimed at trying to destroy and discredit his party.



New Zealand's Lorraine Phyllis Cohen and her son Aaron (right) arrive at the Kuala Lumpur Supreme Court today to begin their appeal. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Malaysian drug policy on trial

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 7, (UPI): Malaysia's tough and uncompromising anti-drug stance is on trial in a supreme court appeal by a New Zealand woman sentenced to hang for heroin trafficking.

Malaysian laws mandate the death penalty for anyone found guilty of drug trafficking, which is defined as possession of half an ounce or more of heroin or morphine, two pounds of opium or seven ounces of cannabis.

Large signs featuring a skull and crossbones are prominently displayed at Malaysia's airports and land border crossings warning of the mandatory death sentence for drug trafficking.

Lorraine Phyllis Cohen, 46, and her 23-year-old son, Aaron Shelton, were arrested at the airport on the resort island of Penang in 1985.

Cohen was in possession of five ounces of heroin and Shelton had 12 ounces (34g) of heroin hidden in his clothing.

Cohen was convicted of trafficking and ordered hanged. Her drug addict son, Aaron, was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment and six strokes of a cane after the judge reduced the charges against him to possession during the 1987 trial.

Although the appeal of Cohen's death sentence was scheduled to begin today, the supreme court postponed the case until Wednesday.

Malaysia introduced the death penalty in 1975 as an option for judges sentencing convicted drug traffickers, but a 1983 amendment to the

law made it mandatory.

Since 1975, 268 people have been sentenced to death for drug trafficking. So far, 21 have won appeals, 159 cases have appeals pending and 88 offenders have been executed, including three Westerners. Last year more than 500 people were charged under the section of the law that carries the death penalty.

Government statistics show that in 1970 there were 700 registered drug addicts in Malaysia. Despite efforts to curb drug use, by 1983 that figure had grown to almost 100,000, with 75 per cent of users between the ages of 19 and 39.

It was hoped the introduction of the mandatory death penalty would act as a deterrent, Ziauddin Bahari who heads Malaysia's anti-narcotics task force said, but the execution last month of 39-year-old Briton Derrick Gregory for drug trafficking and Cohen's appeal have raised new questions about the law.

British diplomats involved in the Gregory case said arrest figures show the death penalty was not an effective deterrent but expressed concern that ethical and moral considerations were being swept aside in making execution mandatory.

Cohen, an addict for 29 years, said at the time of her arrest that she needed up to one-fourth ounce of heroin a day to sustain her habit.

Two psychiatrists from New Zealand and Australia supported her statement, describing her as a "chronic addict" who needed amounts that would be fatal to others.

## 10 jailed for Lhasa protests

BEIJING, Aug 7, (AP): Ten people accused of joining in pro-independence rioting in Tibet this spring, have been sentenced to prison in the official newspaper People's Daily said today in the first report of punishment for participants in the March protests.

The three days of violent anti-Chinese protests in the Tibetan capital of Lhasa left 16 people dead and 100 injured, official Chinese reports said. Tibetans said between 20 and 30 people died.

It was the fourth major pro-independence riot in Lhasa since 1987. On March 8, the Chinese government imposed martial law, which is still in effect, to prevent further clashes.

Tibetans claim the Chinese, who entered the remote Himalayan region in 1949, have no right to rule, but the Chinese say Tibet has been an integral part of China for seven centuries.

The Tibetan intermediate people's court on Saturday sentenced Bianba to three years in prison for participating in "counter-revolutionary" activities on March 6, leading others to shout counter-revolutionary slogans, brandishing the Tibetan flag and damaging public property, the paper said.

The report did not give the Tibetan names of those sentenced or any other details.

Labadunzhu was given a 21-2-year sentence for beating, looting, setting fires and destroying public property, and eight other people were sentenced to less than two years in prison for inciting riots, disrupting public order and destroying public property, the report said.

Authorities earlier reported that more than 300 people were arrested after martial law was imposed.

Chinese Culture Minister Wang Meng, a popular novelist who advocated increased artistic freedom, has been removed as Communist Party head in his ministry, said a report appearing today.

Most of the battles were in China's sparsely inhabited western provinces, where only provisional boundaries have been drawn to establish rights over forest and mineral resources, it said.

The number of lengthy, violent fights over valuable land soared from 30 in the 1950s to 130 in the 1970s to more than 800 in the 1980s, the English-language paper said.

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The plane managed to land at the airport, but the passengers had to be evacuated through an emergency chute.

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**Sinking tanker**

MANILA, Philippines, Aug 7, (AP): A Soviet oil tanker was reported listing badly and may have sunk in the South China Sea west of the Philippines, rescue officials said today.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Groups clash

SYDNEY, Aug 7, (Reuters): Australian police have charged four people after rival Muslim groups fought with knives and sticks in a Sydney suburb, police said today.

Five people were injured in the clash outside a Shiite Muslim mosque last night.

The clash broke out over the appointment of a religious leader for the mosque, they said, adding that controversy over American hostages in Lebanon fuelled the violence.

### Compensation

TOKYO, Aug 7, (AP): Canadian representatives are touring Japan to urge Japanese-Canadians to apply for compensation now being granted for hardships experienced in Canada during World War II, officials said today.

Japanese-Canadians living in Canada between Dec 7, 1941, and March 31, 1949, are eligible for 21,000 Canadian dollars (\$18,000 US) each in government compensation if they were put into camps or expelled, said Canadian Embassy spokesman Irya Shimizu.

During the war, the Canadian government interned 22,000 Japanese-Canadians, confiscating their homes and businesses.

Last September, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney apologized for such injustices on behalf of Canada.

### Japan quake

TOKYO, Aug 7, (AP): An earthquake measuring 5.6 on the Richter Scale hit Hokkaido at 7:54 am today but there were no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

The earthquake was centered in the ocean near Kushiro, in the eastern part of Hokkaido, the northernmost of Japan's four main islands, 890 kilometre (536 miles) northeast of Tokyo, according to the Central Meteorological Agency.

There was no danger of a tsunami, the huge wave sometimes caused by earthquakes, the agency said.

A quake of magnitude 5.6 on the Richter Scale is capable of causing considerable damage.

### Amnesty urges

HONG KONG, Aug 7, (UPI): Amnesty International today urged the government to launch an independent inquiry into the death of an elderly Vietnamese man who died during unrest at a temporary camp for Vietnamese boat people.

The London-based human rights organization sent its appeal to the colony's governor, Sir David Wilson, saying it was "seriously concerned" about reports of the July 23rd incident at the Sek Kong detention Centre.

Government officials said they saw no reason for an independent inquiry into the incident, but did not rule out such a possibility.

The government had said earlier it was unclear whether the death of the 59-year-old man was connected to the disturbances in the camp, where about 7,200 boat people live in Army tents pitched on a runway at a military airfield.

Travels to North Korea have been suspended since early 1988 when Japan imposed sanctions against Pyongyang to protest the downing of a South Korean airliner over Burma in November 1987. All 115 people aboard were missing and presumed dead.

The sanctions were lifted before the summer Olympic Games in Seoul last year.

**Peasants battle**

BEIJING, Aug 7, (AP): Chinese peasants have clashed in more than 800 battles over resource-rich land since 1980, causing "tens of thousands" of casualties, the China Daily said today.

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# Green light for second fishing company

## 15 trawlers to form new fleet

By Jadranka Porter  
Arab Times staff

THE government has given the green light to a group of fishermen to set up a shareholding company that will directly compete with the state-owned United Fisheries of Kuwait, the only fish supplying firm in the country.

The move could benefit the consumer as intense competition can depress market prices.

But the approval is in fact meant to appease fishermen whose livelihood came

into question after the authorities drastically cut the number of trawlers licensed to operate in Kuwaiti waters.

Citing overfishing the Fisheries Directorate ordered individual fishermen to operate no more than 15 out of the 50 trawlers they were using. The 15 trawlers will form the fleet of the new National Fisheries Company, said the director of fisheries Adnan Rashood. The United Fisheries of Kuwait was forced to sell 10 out of its 23 trawlers to comply with the department's directives.

Moves to curtail trawling came after a

study conducted by Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research revealed that shrimp colonies in Kuwait's territorial waters are threatened by overfishing.

### Threat

"Our aim is to increase the catch by reducing the number of trawlers," Rashood said.

But industry sources said reduction in fleets will result in lower income. They claim the market is too small to accommodate two fish supply companies. They recall a situation in the early 1970s when

three companies vied for their share of the market and all three ended up bankrupt. This prompted the government to set up United Fisheries of Kuwait in 1972.

The United Fisheries of Kuwait, whose last year's catch equalled 600 tons, is ready to face the new competition. "We have more experience and a better infrastructure," a company spokesman said. Although 80 per cent state owned, the company is entirely run as a commercial enterprise. It remains committed to the local market but also plans to expand its export, the spokesman added.

## 2,447 medical facilities in GCC states

THE GCC states have 2,447 hospitals and medical centres, a recent study by the Central Statistics Department of Bahrain said today. The study depended upon official figures of 1987. It said that Saudi Arabia has the largest number with 1,982 hospital and medical centres, followed by United Arab Emirates (UAE) with 170, Oman has 126, Kuwait 87, Qatar 50 and Bahrain 32 medical centres and hospitals. The study added that there are over 24,500 doctors working in the GCC states. Again Saudi Arabia has the largest number with 17,400 doctors, UAE 2,556, Kuwait 2,494, Oman 836, Bahrain 618 and Qatar 578 doctors.

GCC states have about 50,000 beds at these hospitals and medical centres. Saudi Arabia has about 31,000 beds followed by UAE 6,243, Kuwait 6,065, Oman 4,016, Bahrain 1,416 and Qatar 937 beds.

The study added that there are 3.4 million students in the various stages in the GCC states. Saudi Arabia has more than two thirds of this number with 2.15 million students, followed by Kuwait with 467,000, UAE 270,000, Oman 250,000, Qatar 170,000 and Bahrain 107,000 students.

It said that the GCC states also have over 209,000 teachers, with Saudi Arabia alone having 137,000 of them. Kuwait comes in second with 31,000 teachers, UAE with 16,300, Oman 11,500, Qatar 6,300 and Bahrain over 6,000 teachers. In addition, the six GCC member states have over 14,500 schools in the three stages.



Young Kuwaitis prepare to take off in their boat in an effort to revive Kuwait's traditional heritage.

## Diving revival festival begins

By Mahmoud Morsi

THE Fourth Diving Revival Festival began yesterday, when 120 young Kuwaitis went off on a pearl diving trip that will continue for 12 days. A function was organised in the morning to see off the divers at the Kuwait Sea Sport Club, under the patronage of Social Affairs and Labour Minister, Sheikh Nasser Mohammad Al Ahmad. Acting Undersecretary of the Ministry, Abdul Rahman Al Mazroui attended the function and bid farewell to the divers on behalf of the minister. The diving revival festival is being held for the fourth year in succession in response to a call by HH the Amir to commemorate the heritage of Kuwait's ancestors and to train young Kuwaitis in an old sea-faring profession.

The 120 young Kuwaiti divers are distributed over 12 ships, all donated by HH the Amir specially for the trip. They are named after old Kuwaiti ships. A number of experienced sea men in addition to a

number of Kuwaiti folkloric troupes are also accompanying the expedition to recall the old days of Kuwaitis at sea.

This year the diving will take place at an area called Herat, close to Kheiran area in the south. Another function will be held at the Kuwait Sea Sport Club on the return of the divers on Aug 18. The function will be transmitted live by Radio and TV.

Head of the Information Committee of the festival, Asad Abdulla said that 20 of the youth taking part in the diving festival are in the age group between 5-10 years. He said that more youths have applied to participate in the trip and some of these young men will act as real captains for some of the ships. The youngest participant in the trip was a 5 year old boy. These boys will be given the job of serving tea and dates to the rest of the crew. A number of fire and Coast Guard boats accompanied the ships.

## Transport draft laws complete

A DRAFT law has been completed which is designed to streamline and organise the land transportation sector in Kuwait, according to Saqr Al Sudan, assistant undersecretary of the Ministry of Communications for transportation affairs.

The official said that the General Transportation Administration of the ministry in addition to the draft law is in the process of organising along modern parameters land transportation activities for passengers and goods internally and internationally. The plan focuses on cost-effectiveness with a high level of efficient services.

Presently, there are 523 companies and establishments registered at the administration to practise land transportation and related activities, Sudan said.

Addressing the issue of marine safety, the official said that the administration is presently undertaking placing buoys at dangerous marine sites in Kuwait's regional waters to warn navigators and other sailors. Efforts in this direction are being co-ordinated with the Ministry of Defence which has resulted in identifying seven dangerous sites in the Buhaira Area. Buoys placed at these sites will be lit at night.

The administration is further contemplating opening offices at several touristic places in the country like the sea clubs to facilitate citizens to register their boats there as also to sell marine maps and other related marine paraphernalia.

# More Kuwaitis say no to family planning

## Population imbalance main reason

A SENIOR government official who did not want to be identified said that it is the right of every individual to decide and act on family planning according to his circumstances. It would seem quite inappropriate for any dictates in this respect and Kuwait has been well known to desist in interfering in the internal decisions of its citizens.

However, the official said that Kuwaitis constitute only 30 per cent of the population and this insignificant proportion of citizens poses an uphill task in achieving the objectives of the five-year plan. He added that Kuwaitis form only 20 per cent of the country's manpower.

The state of Kuwait is aware of the paucity in the number of citizens and is sparing no efforts to address this issue. Among the lines of action, plans are afoot to increase the productivity capability of the Kuwaiti citizen to offset the population imbalance. The current five-year plan aims at achieving a population balance by the year 2000, the official said.

A local daily recently undertook a poll on the issue of family planning. Among the citizens polled a number of them were for the issue because of rising infla-

tion and the fact that the economy is dull. Others however attacked the idea on the grounds that non-Kuwaitis far outnumber Kuwaitis in their own territory and it is imperative to raise the birth rate among Kuwaitis to balance the population.

Yousef Abdul Aziz Abdullah expressed strong opposition to the thought of family planning, stressing that Kuwait needed more and more sons as the Kuwaiti people are few in number compared to other countries. He pointed out that due to financial independence, and association with people from non-Arab cultural backgrounds, the idea of late marriages and family control led a large number of Kuwaitis to beget few children as possible, leading to the rise in spinsterhood and consequently undermining a major national pillar.

He recommended an increase in financial motivation to Kuwaitis to be able to meet the increasing financial burdens and to increase social security and better educate people on how to fully assume their national responsibility to produce more children to take over their vital role in continuing the march toward

building Kuwait.

Ziad Al Mujren on the other hand supported the implementation of the family planning principle among the families with limited income, who could not afford the rise in living standards and the continued demands due to inflation.

He said that he had applied for a government house nine years ago. He is still to receive the house. In the meantime he could not venture to beget more children other than the three he already has due to financial restraints.

Waleed Abdullah attacked the idea of family planning based on the small Kuwaiti population, stressing that the social allowance paid by the government for each new born Kuwaiti child served as an adequate motivation for parents to beget more children.

A Kuwaiti lady blamed the country's economic situation for the current change by Kuwaiti mothers in taking up outdoor employment whereby to help their husbands make ends meet, leaving their children in the custody of house-maids and limiting the number of children to one or two to avoid increasing their financial burden.

## Investments based on Sharia

# Minors' stipends may be raised

DEPUTY Director of the Public Authority for Minors' Affairs Abdullah Al Hamlan has said that potential increase in the minors' stipends is liable to be endorsed by the Council of Ministers. A minor's minimum stipend is KD55, excluding the cost of schooling and public services.

He told a local newspaper that the authority took under its wing a total of 14,000 minors and acted as trustees for their money which is estimated at KD80 million, including Kuwaitis and non-Kuwaitis. In certain cases the authority transfers the salaries of minors staying abroad.

He said that stipends for minors are determined on the basis of reports by social researchers and added that the authority had allocated KD300,000 for the cost of furniture and renovation works for needy families.

The authority discontinues paying the stipend of a minor girl once she gets married. Major problems facing the authority are family disputes in which case its role is to sort out differences and reconcile

relatives at loggerheads.

The authority's investment enterprises are based on the Islamic Sharia, which does not permit speculation or interest, and the authority is considering transferring its investments abroad for lack of adequate investment opportunity at the local level.

The central function of the authority is to offer a protective wing for those without guardians. This includes those who have lost their parents and do not have a living grandfather on the father's side.

The official said that some parents inform the court that a certain person is the guardian of their children, but the court on a number of occasions referred the guardianship to the authority on failure of the person named to qualify for the task.

He added that the authority would turn all of a minor's money when he turns 21 over to him at his request or fund any of his businesses or proposed projects after establishing the feasibility of these projects.

## WHAT'S ON

### ARTS

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
OPEN Sat - Wed, 8 - 9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursdays and Fridays.

**Islamic Arts Museum**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.

**Tareq Rajab Museum**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

**Sadu House**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

### SOCIAL

**Breeze '89**  
OCT 10: Tivim Centre's - Breeze '89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Lots of surprises await. For further information pls contact the organisers, Casmiro or Mario on Tel no. 2441860/67 after 3.30 pm.

**Konkani drama**  
AUG 11: A Konkani drama entitled "Battli Ani Bazaar," directed by Pascoal Rodrigues will be held at the Indian Arts Circle, Funaites at 10 am and 4 pm. Gate passes are available at Raja Stores and Alex Martins Shop.

**Colva Nite**  
OCT 19: Annual Colva Nite at New Ball Room of Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Top Ranks in attendance. For details contact tel: 2413884/2434776/562914-1/4310913 after 5 pm.

**Star Nite**  
DEC 21: Star Nite at Ramada Salam 'Al Dira' with Perfect Strangers music. Children entry KD.31 from 2.1/2 years to 12 years. Others KD.4 - with sumptuous buffet. Fabulous hamper prizes and variety social entertainment under 555 sponsorship. For reservations contact tel. (res) 5331940 or 2413706 pm only.

### Fit for life

**LADIES' Keep Fit** classes at La Palma Fitness Centre at the Kuwait International on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. Free use of the pool after each session plus free use of the sauna on Tuesdays. Also judo, karate and taekwondo classes. Individual coaching for tennis and swimming available. Garden poolside barbeque every Friday afternoon. Recreation facilities include bowling, snooker and health club with sauna, steam bath and plunge pool. Telephone Paul or Vivienne at: 2530000/8050.

**Kalpak exhibition**  
SEPT 15: Women's wing of Kerala Art & Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait (KALPAK) will hold an exhibition of arts and handicrafts at the Indian Embassy hall from 3 pm to 8 pm. Those interested to show their own creation, please contact on telephone No: 5632708/4316737/5626620.

**Kapilika contest**  
AUGUST 25: Kapilika will hold the Little Mr and Ms Philippines, Kuwait, contest at Showbiz Pizza place, Salmiya. This coincides with Arav ng Mga Bata (Children's Day). For details contact Jojo Medrano, AVP, welfare and special projects, VCP Rosafe Austria or VP Sarah Macarim-bang - Tel: 483447.

**Fiesta Filipiniana**  
UNDER the auspices of the Philippine embassy here in Kuwait, the Filipino Cultural Club, under the competent leadership of Buddy Patungan, proudly announces to its clamouring fans the comeback of "Fiesta Filipiniana '89" with the original cast at its original venue - where else, but at the spacious elegantly-lit Al-Jahra Ballroom of the Meridien Hotel.

Participants are kindly requested to submit their Civil ID Card photocopies to Tolits Matig-A, the club's director on social and cultural affairs. Rehearsals commence on Friday, Aug 11, 1989. There will be a general meeting also for all his working committee on this said date.

For more particulars, contact: Marie - 4317256, Tolits - 2417766. For ticket reservations, contact: Florence - 2436121 or 2439451.

**Independents ball**  
AUGUST 17: At the Mesilla Beach Hotel from 8.30 pm onwards. Organised by

Kuwait Independents Hockey. For tickets and details contact F. D'Mello (2421252) or S. Bajaj (2445825) after 7.30 pm.

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### FILMS

**At the British Council**  
ANGEL, 6.30 pm on Saturday, Aug 12 and Sunday Aug 13, having been witness to the bombing of a dance hall and the killing of innocent people. Danny begins his personal quest for vengeance. This tough thriller was written and directed by Neil Jordan. No entrance fee, but you are advised to reserve seats. 2515512/2533204/2533327.

### HOTELS

**At the Holiday Inn**  
At the Coffee Shop: A variety of Continental and Oriental cuisine to suit everyone's taste for lunch or dinner at KD5.000 per pax and half price for children.

**At Andalus: Thursday** - Arabian Night. Savour the exotic food especially prepared for the night. Our local entertainers provide wonderful music.

**At the SAS hotel**  
AL GHAZEER: SAS hotel's very own handicrafted show. Available for half day or whole day trip along the Gulf coastline. Food, beverages and fishing tackle provided on board. For booking, call 5657000 ext 416.

**AL BOOM:** Dine on charcoal grilled foods and finish off with della coffee. Open for dinner daily, lunch every Thursday and Friday and for reservation call 5657000 ext 403 or 540.

**PEACOCK ROOM:** Chinese specialties served in a very cozy atmosphere. Open for lunch and dinner. For reservation, call 5657000 ext 403 or 532.

**EEDAM:** Wide varieties of delectable home-made goodies, freshly baked items to choose from. Eedam daily specials also available.

**CLOCK:** Only drive-in restaurant in Kuwait. Serves wide selections of fast food including our very own specialties.

**At Ramada Al Salam hotel SEAFOOD FESTIVAL:** Every evening upto Aug 10 at the Ramada's El Bender coffee shop, enjoy the sumptuous sea food buffet where you can taste the biggest selection of Ramada's jumbo shrimps, fresh mixed fish, Atlantic main lobsters and today's fisherman's catch in any way you like to make your mouth water. From 7 pm until midnight.

**At the Hotel Pullman**  
At the Elysees Restaurant: Everyday, authentic French cuisine at the Pullman Hotel, Kuwait.  
At the Salalah coffee shop: International and Arabic cuisine with live music nightly.

**At the Kuwait Plaza**  
TEMPTING lunch and dinner. A wide variety of all sorts of delicious, home-made and sumptuous dishes with real Lebanese mezzeh and delights of Arabic and French sweets plus fruits of the season.

A unique opportunity to try the dish you like most. It is indeed special body or dinner to suit everybody's taste, for only KD2.995.

Also at Al Dallah coffee shop the breakfast with a difference for KD0.995. American, Continental and Arabic breakfast. Enjoy our variety of food daily with Plaza special touch from 6.00 am till 11.00 am.  
Italian dinner: Let us take you to heart of Rome while you are in the heart of Kuwait a special ambience with exotic delicious and Italian dishes prepared before you

**At the Kuwait International**  
LA PALMA: Presents a culinary trip around the world featuring authentic Chinese, Indian, Mexican, African, Italian, British, German/Austrian, Turkish and Arabic dishes. Theme nights on Saturdays and Tuesdays. Ext 8166.  
Faijaka: Rooftop restaurant overlooking Kuwait's picturesque coastline. Offers international cuisine and elegant surroundings. Live entertainment during dinner. Closed on Friday. Ext. 8012.

**Garden Pool:** Relax and enjoy our poolside barbeque event every Friday afternoon.  
La Patisserie: Offers an extensive selection of pastries, oven fresh bread, savouries, exotic juices and ice creams. Also serves Continental breakfast. Pianist in the evenings. Ext. 8014.

# Anant Raj to enter capital market

ANANT Raj Clay Products Ltd, which is setting up a project for manufacture of 18,000 tonnes per annum of ceramic wall and floor tiles at Mohindergarh district of Haryana in India is going public with an issue of Rs 265,00,000.

Announcing this at an investor's conference here today, H.L. Bhasin, managing director of the company, said that the factory is about to commence commercial production shortly. When in full production the turnover would be over Rs 15 crores he said. Bhasin announced that the tiles coming out of the factory would have a white clay background with superior properties.

The machinery is supplied by M/S Mori Spa of Italy based on specification of the collaborator's M/S Henshall Bamford. The technology would be the latest fast firing technology which is highly fuel efficient.

Bhasin felt that with the demand for good quality tiles



A view of the conference.

shooting up due to boom in the construction industry in India, marketing would not be a problem.

Earlier, L.V. Sharma, of SBI

Capital Markets Ltd Bombay, welcoming the participants, said that out of the public issue of Rs 265,00,000 Rs 7,500,000 worth of shares are reserved for allot-

ment to NRI's. The issue would open on August 30, 1989. Issue rating given by Capital Market Ltd. Aug 4 - 17, 1989 is 56/100.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

### KTV 1

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
9.15 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety  
9.30 Cartoons  
10.15 Mahlan Ayoha Al Omr: Arabic serial (Part 4)  
11.15 Ezajj: Local serial (Last Part)  
12.15 Hikayat Maa Al Nojoom:  
1.00 News Summary  
1.05 The World Today via Satellite  
1.30 Sport Billy: Cartoon serial  
2.00 Variety  
2.15 Al Meharrath Wa Elbour: Arabic serial (Part 3)  
3.15 Mawaqif Wa Khotab: Cultural programme  
3.35 Billers: Cartoon serial  
4.00 Oyoan La Tara Al Hob:  
7.00 Hikayat Al Asmai: Historical serial.  
7.55 Nadwat Al Osboo: Local programme  
9.00 News in Arabic

### KTV 2

9.45 Al Motasalliqoon: Daily Arabic serial (Part 4)  
10.30 Khan Al Khaleeli: Arabic feature film.  
12.15 News Summary  
12.20 The World Today via Satellite  
6.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
6.10 Amigo and Friends: cartoon series  
6.30 Captain Power: "New Order", Part One. Folkina, a wicked empire, invades the US  
7.00 Gone Fishing: "Tass-Beam"  
7.30 The New Adventure of Bean Baxter:  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 A Different World: "Come Back Little Eggby". Starring: Lisa Bonet  
9.10 Horizon: "Believe ME!". A look at strange medical cases  
10.00 Hooperman: "Dumpty Dearest".

### 12.00 News Summary

Magazine D'Actualite; Holy Quran and Closedown  
**CHINESE**  
Drive-In  
Arabic film  
Al Andalus  
Red Scorpion  
Al Salamiya  
Revenge of the Nerds II  
Al Hamra  
Ultimate Force  
Al Firdous  
Ustaad  
Starring: Vinod Khanna, Jaya Prada  
Fahad Open-air  
Aas Paas  
Al Fahad  
Hercules  
Al Jahra  
Amar Sansar  
Granada  
Isabella  
Sulabikhat  
Ninja Warriors of Fire  
Al Jleeb  
Agni Kanya  
Almadi Drive-in  
Arabic film

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# Border patrolled every 12 hours

## Modern equipment provided

THE supervisor of Nayem and Umm Al Madafie Border Centres, Abdulla Bu Dhaheer said that these centres protect vital installations and carry out many missions to protect the security of Kuwait.

He added that guards from these border posts patrol the area round the clock to apprehend infiltrators as well as to prevent the smuggling of prohibited materials.

Guards at these centres provide various forms of assistance to any citizen who

needs help or guidance in the desert. Border centres co-operate with the army in a bid to provide the State of Kuwait with the highest level of security. They also prevent the public, especially hunters from approaching oil and military installations in the desert.

But Dhaheer pointed out that many people have the desire to come to Kuwait and some of them use illegal means to facilitate their entry. But, he added that infiltrators

are constantly confronted by border post guards to prevent their entry into Kuwait.

He added that in recent years infiltrators are prone to use violent means and many of them including smugglers use weapons against patrols that accost them.

He said that border guards are still using traditional methods of tracking infiltrators by following traces of foot prints and tyre marks but they have of late been provided with modern equipment with the

latest in communications.

Every border centre runs a patrol every 12 hours at the border line and these patrols are in continuous contact with border centres to follow and arrest infiltrators or smugglers, the official said.

Authorities are very appreciative of the dedication, commitment to the security of Kuwait and in many instances placing the very lives of these border post personnel in jeopardy, the official said.

# Kuwaiti boys demand more liberal attitudes

## Feelings of isolation

A LOCAL daily hosted a number of youths in its diwaniva to highlight several important issues. Problems like how to kill leisure time, relationships with the opposite sex, accusations directed at youths, relationships between parents and children, education, traditions and the role played by information facilities were discussed in a frank atmosphere.

A resident who participated at the discussion stated that youth represent a wide section in the society. He added that a shortage of recreational areas may lead youth towards wayward behaviour causing harassment to some residents. He stressed that youth have their own opinions towards such practices pointing out that they are not all bad in nature.

He said that a lack of guidance will eventually lead to deviation among youth. "We as society

members should resolve our problems before it is too late," he said and added that youth deviation from society norms will lead to confusion and political instability. He pointed out that social conditions and isolation are main reasons contributing to many youth problems.

Rawa Saoud Al Jarallah believes that youths are mostly faced with too much leisure time, particularly before joining university. She added that shortage in recreational areas eventually will lead to delinquency, and that it is impossible that youth will think of practicing crimes if they are engaged in beneficial hobbies. Rawa said she was glad that Kuwait has a very low percentage of juvenile delinquencies compared to other Western countries.

**Satisfaction**

She added that the country may be full of recreational areas, like the sea front and sea sports clubs but, not too many youth try to benefit from these facilities. She said that these facilities have failed to satisfy youth interests and that the society has a different view towards girls particularly those who go to these areas. She said that many families force their daughters to stay at home because a number of youth harass them even when they are with their families.

Jasem Al Mutawa said that it is normal that a male is attracted to a female. He added that let us not forget that girls too exchange looks and even try to attract youth. He stressed that parents should place more trust between them and their grown up children and that it is the nature of humans to be attracted to the opposite sex.

Jasem added that most youth may not have the intention of marriage when following or harassing girls. He admitted that he will not accept that his sister be harassed and therefore it is inadequate even to have a friendly relationship with girls. He

said that often relations between both sexes are kept secret. Some youth, particularly males consider a relationship with females to be heroic.

### Girls

Mesha Al Shaya another youth participating in the session pointed out that most girls will feel discomfort when "ogled". He expressed his displeasure towards holding a relationship between opposite sexes and said that since he does not accept that to happen to his sister he had better forget about the whole issue.

Mesha stated that recreational facilities available in the country are not a paradise as many people think. They do not address youth interests. He called upon government officials to establish self-managed youth centres to give youth the opportunity to express themselves. He pointed out that information media should also participate in creating more youth interests.

### Mixing

Husain Hafez Al Abdullah expressed support towards friendly relationships between the opposite sexes pointing out that humans like to social in nature. He believes that most youth live in an isolated world of their own and that the society is co-operating in opening adequate friendship channels between both sexes. Most youth feel that the opposite sex is a strange world to them and seek often to discover it through secret channels and away from the view of families and people.

Husain believes that the present generation of youth is open minded adding that the next generations to come will be even more open minded because society in general has changed its views towards social relationships. He suggested that schools at the primary stage should give the opportunity for both sexes to mix with each other as school-mates and under the supervision of teachers. He considered this as an adequate step to start with.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Sabah-Ghabid

KUWAIT, Aug 7. (KUNA): Acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed today conferred here with Secretary-General of the Organisation of Islamic Conference Dr Hamed Al Ghabid.

Sheikh Sabah later said in a statement the meeting was related to Ghabid's mission to Turkey and Bulgaria as envoy of the OIC Chairman. His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Jaber.

### Jordanian visit

AMMAN, Aug 7. (KUNA): A high-ranking Jordanian delegation will pay a short working visit to Kuwait tomorrow, reliable sources here said today.

The sources speculated that the Jordanian personality which will lead the delegation is Prime Minister Zaid Bin Shakir.

The delegation will proceed to Qatar after Kuwait, the sources added.

Meanwhile, Acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed welcomed the planned visit here by Jordan's Prime Minister Zaid Bin Shakir and Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qassab.

Sheikh Sabah told reporters the Jordanian premier will be carrying a message from King Hussein to His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Jaber.

### US diplomats

KUWAIT, Aug 7. (KUNA): Director of HHI the Amir's office Ibrahim Al Shatti today received the US Charge D'affaires to Kuwait Barbara Bradin and head of the political department at the embassy David Ellis.

### Oil Minister

ABU DHABI, Aug 7. (KUNA): Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Athbi arrived here from Doha today on a brief visit during which he is due to deliver a message to UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan from His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Jaber.

The message deals with developments in the region and in the Islamic and Arab world, according to official sources.

In Doha earlier today, the Kuwaiti minister relayed a similar message to the Amir of Qatar Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani.

Sheikh Ali was greeted at Abu Dhabi airport by UAE Petroleum Minister Mana'e Saeed Al Oteiba and Charge D'affaires at the Kuwaiti embassy Mohammed Saleh Zaib Al Ghanem.

### Iraqi envoy

KUWAIT, Aug 7. (KUNA): Minister of Trade and Industry Faisal Abdul Razzak Al Khalid today received in his office Iraqi Ambassador to Kuwait Asim Yaqoub Youssef.

The Iraqi ambassador handed Khalid a message from his Iraqi counterpart Mohammed Mehdi Saleh, inviting him to attend the inaugural ceremony of the 26th Baghdad International Fair in November.

### Saudi exports

THE non-oil exports of Saudi Arabia witnessed a noticeable increase during 1988 amounting to 63.3 per cent compared to exports in 1987. Statistics issued by Saudi Finance Ministry showed that non-oil exports of Saudi Arabia was valued at 13,228 million riyals in 1988 compared to 8,099 million riyals in 1987. This quantity further increased from 9.9 million tonnes in 1987 to 11.4 million tonnes last year (an increase of 14.6 per cent). Re-exported goods have been valued at 2,391 million riyals in 1988 compared to 2,280 million riyals in 1987. Saudi exports to Iraq increased from 94 million riyals in 1987 to 238 million riyals last year. Iraq, Australia, China and South Korea were the biggest importers of non-oil Saudi products.

The statistics showed that the total value of Saudi imports increased from 75,313 million riyals in 87 to 81,582 million riyals in 88. But the figure dropped from about 20 million tonnes to 17.8 million tonnes last year. The USA is the biggest exporter for Saudi Arabia, followed by Japan, China, Belgium and Thailand, it added.



Summer courses closing ceremony

Bayader Al Salam Women's Society held its closing ceremony for the different summer training courses under the patronage of Assistant Undersecretary at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, Abdul Rahman Al Mazroui.

The chairwoman of the society Dalal Usman delivered the keynote address in which she explained the different training courses held at the society during the summer. Picture shows Mazroui presenting a gift to an outstanding student.

# KU to open two new departments in spring

## Faculties to be modernised

ASSISTANT Secretary-General of Kuwait University Ahmad Al Shatti has said that the university will open two new departments at Faculty of Engineering as of the coming academic year. The two departments are petroleum engineering and industrial and systems engineering. Studies will also begin at the statistics and research department of the Faculty of Science and at the information department of the Faculty of Arts from the spring session of the academic year 89/1990. Shatti announced that the opening of two new faculties one for pharmacology and other for dentistry is still being studied. He added that several studies are being conducted related to modernising the faculties of Commerce and Arts in order to divide the two faculties into three: human sciences, administrative sciences and social sciences.

Shatti pointed out that the university selects and appoints professors according to the charter of Kuwait University. The university seeks to offer stability for its professors by signing long term contracts with those who offer outstanding services for the university. It also approved offering valuable rewards for distinctive professors and distinctive research studies, he added.

### Fortification

Shatti pointed out that inspection carried out on bases of building at the Faculty of Commerce showed that these bases need shoring and fortification for the safety of students. The workers are now fortifying these bases in order to use the buildings of the faculty for several more years. Education Ministry has given Ibn Rushd School in Faiha to be the temporary buildings of the faculty till workers complete their work which is estimated to be around the end of September.

He added that new car parkings at the Faculty of Science (Khalidiya) will be opened at the beginning of the academic year at Riyadh Street. The parking lot will accommodate 1470 cars. There are two other parkings for cars of students being used now. One is behind Firdous Street which holds 450 cars and the other at the 4th Ring Road which parks 350 cars.

### New buildings

A new building will be opened at the Faculty of Science at the beginning of the academic year. Three new buildings have also been completed at Keifan area for faculties of Education and Sharia. These buildings consist of classrooms, labs and offices for teaching staff. The university is also building two grand buildings at Khalidiya. One will be specialised for the higher administration of the university and for the central public library while the other will be specialised for society service centre, Afaq magazine and some departments of the university. A new building will be built at Shuwaikha area to be used as stores for the university, the official said.

### Nutrition

Commenting on the cafeteria service offered by the university, Shatti said that the university offers three meals free of charge for 1300 students living in the hostels. It also offers about 20,000 lunches and about 10,000 sandwiches a day at symbolic prices. The nutrition department of the university ensures strict health control on the meals and food provided to students, teachers and workers of the university. He added that the university allocated 131 buses to transport students from a faculty to another and to and from their houses. It also allocated 15 saloon cars to be used by 45 handicapped students, he said.

## GCC should evaluate new developments, says Bishara

MANAMA, Aug 7. (GNA): Secretary-General of the GCC states, Abdulla Bishara announced today that the GCC states have entered a new stage in the light of the new external developments in the region and on an international level. He said that after the new developments in Iran, there are some changes which must be evaluated in an objective manner, adding that these changes have special reflections on the region.

Speaking to Bahrain Television last night, Bishara disclosed that there are contacts and consultations taking place between the six GCC member states to discuss ways of dealing with the new developments in the region and in the Arab world and the aim of the consultations is to arrive at a collective stand. He stressed that the GCC states have high ambitions, calling upon the GCC media means to live up to the level of these ambitions and for increasing co-ordination and co-operation among them.

### Charters

Bishara said that the GCC states are now discussing economics, ideology and politics in preparation for new international developments. He said that GCC states are now discussing with the European Economic Community to arrive at a general agreement in the light of the fact that Europe will become a united continent by 1992. This will subject many of the GCC charters to this important fact and will necessitate legalising and organising relations with Europe on new grounds. He added that "our object at present is to strengthen ties and mutual interests" among the GCC people and enter into joint ventures by selecting the best priorities for such economic ventures.

Bishara said the GCC states have been busy in the past few years with political and security issues, but now they are thinking of intensifying joint projects and strengthening contacts and creating channels that will deliver direct profits and results to the GCC people. He announced that the GCC states are conducting contacts to find a comprehensive solution to the Lebanese crisis because this crisis has its reflection on the GCC march. He added that the GCC states are currently evaluating the present situation especially after the tripartite committee on Lebanon has frozen its mediation efforts.

### Qatari received

KUWAIT, Aug 7. (KUNA): Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad Al Sabah received today in his office a Qatari citizen, Saleh Mohammed Al Shamir, who is attempting a round-the-world trip on a camel's back.

## Robbers arrested

JAHRA detectives arrested three men accused of being involved in several robberies in the governorate. The detectives arrested, Mejbil M., Matar M., and Fares S., all non-Kuwaitis for carrying out six robberies by breaking into shops in Jahra area. They were referred to authorities for further investigations.

Also, the Jahra detectives arrested another three men for carrying out four robberies in Jahra and Sulabiya area. They arrested Mutashar R., Ali K., both Iraqi nationals and Abdulla A., a non-Kuwaiti. All the accused have been referred to authorities for investigations.

Meanwhile, one man died and six others were injured as a result of traffic accidents in Kuwait. There were 12 traffic accidents during the past 24 hours of which six took place in Ahmadi, four in Jahra and two in Hawalli.

## GCC populace to increase

MANAMA, Aug 7. (GNA): According to a study published here yesterday, the total population of the GCC countries is expected to reach 20,159,000 in 1990.

The study, published by the Central Statistics Authority in Bahrain, said that the population annual growth rate in Bahrain was 3.65 and that the total population is expected to reach 515,000 in 1990.

The study said that the population annual growth rate in Saudi Arabia was 3.96 and the population in the kingdom would reach 14,131,000 in 1990, while the population in UAE is expected to reach 1,588,000 at 3.26 annual growth rate.

The study said that the population in Kuwait would rise to 2,090,000 at a rate of 4.02.

The study said that infant mortality in Bahrain was 26 per 1000, in the UAE 26.71 in Saudi Arabia, 100 in Oman, 31 in Qatar and 19 in Kuwait.



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## Begging remains the easy way out

BEGGING, which is officially banned in Bahrain, seems to exist in some form or another in the island. For quite inexplicable reasons, considering the vast economic progress and social development in this country, there are still some people who resort to this practice to earn their livelihood. This seems particularly disturbing and hard to explain as Bahrain has made tremendous achievement over the years to provide a reasonably comfortable standard of living for its nationals.

Although Bahrainis may not earn much compared to nationals of some neighbouring Gulf states, its nationals enjoy adequate income in general with GNP per capita of around 802,334 according to 1988 available statistics. This certainly is a promising rate of growth and standard of living for Bahrain based on its small population and geographical size.

### Magnanimous

However, the fact remains that there are always a handful of beggars loitering the streets of the country. They are commonly encountered in public places and on certain religious holidays including Fridays can be seen squatting in front of the numerous mosques. Most of the beggars appear to be women clad in the traditional black 'abbaya'. The beggars if must be admitted are too few in number to cause any nuisance to the public and for the authorities to take any drastic action against them. The government has in the past repeatedly advised the general population not to encourage begging by giving money to these beggars. The public have also been asked to report sighting of beggars to the authorities. However, in view of the general goodwill and magnanimity of the islanders no one bothers to do this, but on the contrary donate generously to the beggars, who in most cases are not genuine 'beggars' in the real sense of the term.

## Agricultural plan

### Landscaping enhanced in Kuwait

THE Five-Year-Development Plan allocations for the agricultural sector has greatly enhanced afforestation and landscaping projects in Kuwait, a report published by the magazine of Kuwaiti Agricultural Engineers said. The report estimated the funds required for the agricultural sector during the Five-Year-Plan at KD55 million. The plan, the first ever developmental plan in Kuwait, extends between 84/85-89/90. The report said that after one year of implementing the plan, the results on the agricultural sector were very clear. It said that the lands planted with vegetables increased after one year of the plan by 2.2 million square metres from 25 square metres in 84/85 to 27.2 million square metres in 85/86.

### Green houses

The report added that green house areas increased also by 130,000 square metres from 1,217,000 square metres to 1,347,000 square metres during the same period.

Lands planted with fodder also increased by 3 million square metres from 10.8 million to 13 million square metres. As a result, the report said, vegetable production increased during the same period by 6,700 tons to reach in 85/86 season, 83,300 tons. Fodder production also increased by 13,000 tons to reach 143,000 tons.

The report added that the Five-Year-Plan also positively influenced animal production. During the first year of the plan, the number of cows increased from 23,100 to 24,000 cows, thus increasing the beef production from 644 tons in 84/85 to 676 tons in the next year.

The report added that the number of sheep and goats increased by 24,000 heads to reach 384,000 in 85/86, which resulted in increasing the quantity of local meat production from goats and sheep from 4,900 tons to 5,220 tons, an increase of 320 tons. The

number of egg-laying chickens also increased from 920,000 chickens to over 1.05 million chickens. This helped increase the number of locally produced eggs to 240 million from 212 million in 84/85, the report said. Similarly, the number of meat chicken increased from 19.2 million to 20.5 million chickens. The quantity of chicken meat also rose from 23,000 tons to 24,500 tons, an increase of 1,500 tons.

### Obstacles

The report said that till now, agricultural projects in Kuwait face a number of obstacles. It said that farmers still do not adopt technical methods in using water for irrigation. This not only speeds up the consumption of water from underground wells, but it also helps increase the quantity of minerals in the soil.

It added that the non-participation of private investments in the agricultural projects and in afforestation projects, also accounts for a major problem facing landscaping in Kuwait. It said that so far, only traditional and primitive agricultural methods are widespread which greatly affects production and expansion in such projects.

But the report said that the country's Five-Year-Plan tried to apply solutions to these difficulties and mainly concentrated on encouraging individuals to invest in agricultural projects. The plan provide new credit facilities besides providing enough measures of protection to the local produce. These measures are intended to attract more private investments in this vital field by providing lucrative incentives and helping farmers to use modern technology for agricultural purposes. The plan also concentrated on the important role of agricultural research studies and offered the results of such studies for the farmers.

The plan also included carrying out more detailed surveys for fertile lands in Kuwait that can be utilised for cultivation.



# ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

In order to have good soldiers, a nation must always be at war — Napoleon Bonaparte, French general-statesman (1769-1821)

## OPINION

### Unfriendly ghost playing in Lebanon

STATEMENTS showering on us like rain these days claim their initiators are concerned over Lebanon's security and peace and that nobody will be allowed to sabotage this security.

Undoubtedly, these statements raise many question marks and cause our astonishment.

These statements lead us to wonder as to who is really damaging Lebanon's security?

Is it the Lebanese people, who are actually free to do as they please in their own country? Is it Gen. Aoun, who is a Lebanese and the head of the legal government in Lebanon and is committed to defending his country, liberate it and restore its sovereignty in accordance with international laws? If neither of these two parties are "toying" with the security of Lebanon, who is? Is it a ghost? The culprit is well known.

Such desperate demagogic policies only invoke pity for its advocates. Such statements have become silly and cheap. What is the justification for tanks and equipment with special forces to enter Beirut with missile launching devices capable of firing 40 missiles a minute? Such a massive build-up gives one the impression that a war has started with Israel. In fact, the war with Israel should be fought in positions occupied by Israel and not in Lebanon, and inside Beirut, a destroyed city where the US Marines found, when they entered it, nothing left to destroy.

Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani began his tenure by telling the Americans that they do not need military operations to solve the hostage crisis because nothing in Beirut has been left undamaged — thus they will find no targets for their shells and missiles.

Thus, we want to understand who the "ghost" is that is playing with the security of Lebanon. We categorically state that the brain-washing propaganda of these advocates of the devil no longer deceives us. We are very well aware that the pressure is mounting on "the ghost" and he will continue his old practices by blaming others and characterising them with his own mistakes. When he is described as not national, he simply accuses others. When he practises treason, he accuses others and indicates that only others are traitors. This notorious logic is well known to those who have had bitter experiences with the "ghost."

It is high time for Arabs to "call a spade a spade." The youngest Arab child in the vast Arab world knows the name of the "ghost."

Among actions that Arabs should initiate is solving Lebanon's crisis in accordance with the resolutions of the extraordinary Arab summit in Casablanca. The Arabs decided that all foreign forces, should withdraw from Lebanon to facilitate the Lebanese people to commence their resistance against other occupation forces, backed by their Arab brothers.

The Arabs decided on the withdrawal of all occupation forces from Lebanon because these occupation forces have linked their presence with some security agenda they are convinced of — although it is not at all convincing to us. Other occupation forces, particularly the Israelis, continue to be present in Lebanon under the pretext that parts of Lebanon are occupied by others.

The necessity to save Lebanon urgently requires the withdrawal of everybody so that the Lebanese people can then decide their own affairs freely. If this could happen, the wound in the Arab body would heal and would contribute to restoring solidarity to Arab relations.

It is enough what we suffered from in the Gulf war. The Arab nation can no longer close its eyes and will this time stop those who insist on committing deadly mistakes — people are now preparing themselves for just such a mission. It is only too obvious who is juggling with the security of Lebanon.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

## PRESS REVIEW

**Al Rai Al Aam:** A Kuwaiti paper paid tribute to UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayyan and praised his glorious record in uniting Arab ranks and serving the nation's high interests.

**Al Rai Al Aam newspaper:** in an editorial comment today on the 23rd anniversary of Sheikh Zayed's assuming rule of Abu Dhabi Emirate, credited the UAE President with the towering achievements made by his people and the historic transformation in the Gulf region.

Sheikh Zayed, it added, was also the architect of the union of Arab Emirates, which later served as a nucleus for similar unitary entities in the Arab Mashreq and Maghreb.

The paper in particular highlighted the UAE President's personal attention and call that the Arab media should fully play its effective and responsible nation role, away from vituperations and marginal differences.

In short, **Al Rai Al Aam** concluded, "Sheikh Zayed's concept of the media is based upon the assumption that media organs are means to unite the nation but not elements of division detrimental to the nation's interests." (KUNA)

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1549 — France declares war on England.
- 1567 — Duke of Alba arrives in Netherlands as military governor with 10,000 veteran Spanish and Italian troops.
- 1570 — Peace of St Germain-en-Laye ends third civil war in France, whereby Hubenots gain greater concessions Turkish forces sack Nicosia, Cyprus.
- 1588 — British sea forces under Sir Francis Drake destroy Spanish Armada in battle off France.
- 1647 — Irish forces are defeated by British parliamentary forces at Dangan Hill in Ireland.
- 1815 — France's Napoleon Bonaparte sails for St Helena to spend remainder of his life in exile.
- 1832 — East India Company under William Bentinck annexes Cuthar after residents ask for British protection.
- 1940 — Germany begins concentrated bombing of Britain in World War II.
- 1953 — United States and South Korea sign mutual defence treaty.
- 1960 — United Nations demands evacuation of Belgian troops from Congo.
- 1964 — Turkish planes attack Cyprus.
- 1965 — City of Singapore withdraws from Federation of Malaysia and becomes independent state.
- 1986 — Car bomb explodes in busy shopping street in Muslim West Beirut, killing 17 people and wounding 84.
- 1988 — Iran's President Ali Khamenei says eight-year-old Gulf war with Iraq "is apparently coming to a close."

## Marxist Utopia degenerating

# Comrades in arms

THE election of former dissidents to parliament in reformist East bloc states promises to have the same dramatic effect on the region's foreign policy as on the domestic scene.

Last month a Polish Solidarity delegation including newly-elected parliamentarians visited Czechoslovakia to offer their support for dissidents battling against a hardline communist system.

Making full use of their new parliamentary status, the delegation of outlaws-turned-deputies talked openly with dissident and independent groups they had previously met only in secret at remote locations.

"We have been meeting Czechs and Slovaks for 11 years, but until now it was always on the border, clandestinely," delegation member Jan Litvinski told the opposition Polish daily *Gazeta Wyborcza* on his return home.

"The fact that the July 1989 meeting took place in Prague is a sign of changing times."

In a comment that was bound to have infuriated the Czechoslovak government, Litvinski described meeting former party leader Alexander Dubcek, still in disgrace 21 years after being toppled by the 1968 Warsaw Pact invasion, and called him "a man capable of initiating authentic changes."

Another delegation member Zbigniew Bujak, former Solidarity underground leader who now heads the organisation's Warsaw operation, believed that radical new parliamentarians coming up in Poland, Hungary and the Soviet Union could influence policy in other countries.

"We think that official condemnation by parliamentarians and opposition groups from countries which participated in the (1968) invasion could be an impulse for change in Czechoslovakia," he told *Gazeta Wyborcza*.

"People responsible for political stagnation in Czechoslovakia may then be forced to go," he added.

Underlining the importance of their newly-won parliamentary status, he said: "I think the mere fact that our visit took place may give the Czechoslovak opposition some guarantees of security."

A prominent Czechoslovak dissident agreed, telling Reuters: "The visit was a big boost for us. We know now that we are not alone."

Not surprisingly, the Prague authorities saw it somewhat differently, and in a toughly-worded commentary the party organ *Rude Pravo* accused the delegation of seeking to destroy the communist system in the country.

Even in Poland doubts were expressed about the wisdom of the visit. The party newspaper *Trybuna Ludu*, noting that Poland sought good ties with all its allies, a goal normally shared by Solidarity, commented: "Do the Czechoslovak activities of Solidarity really serve the nurturing of relations with our southern neighbour?"

The Polish authorities can hardly take comfort from developments in Hungary, where pressure from independent groups has already severely strained relations with its communist neighbours Romania and Czechoslovakia.

And unlike Poland, Hungary has yet to acquire a pool of independent parliamentarians — at present it has only one — though this situation is expected to change dramatically next year with the first free elections in four decades.

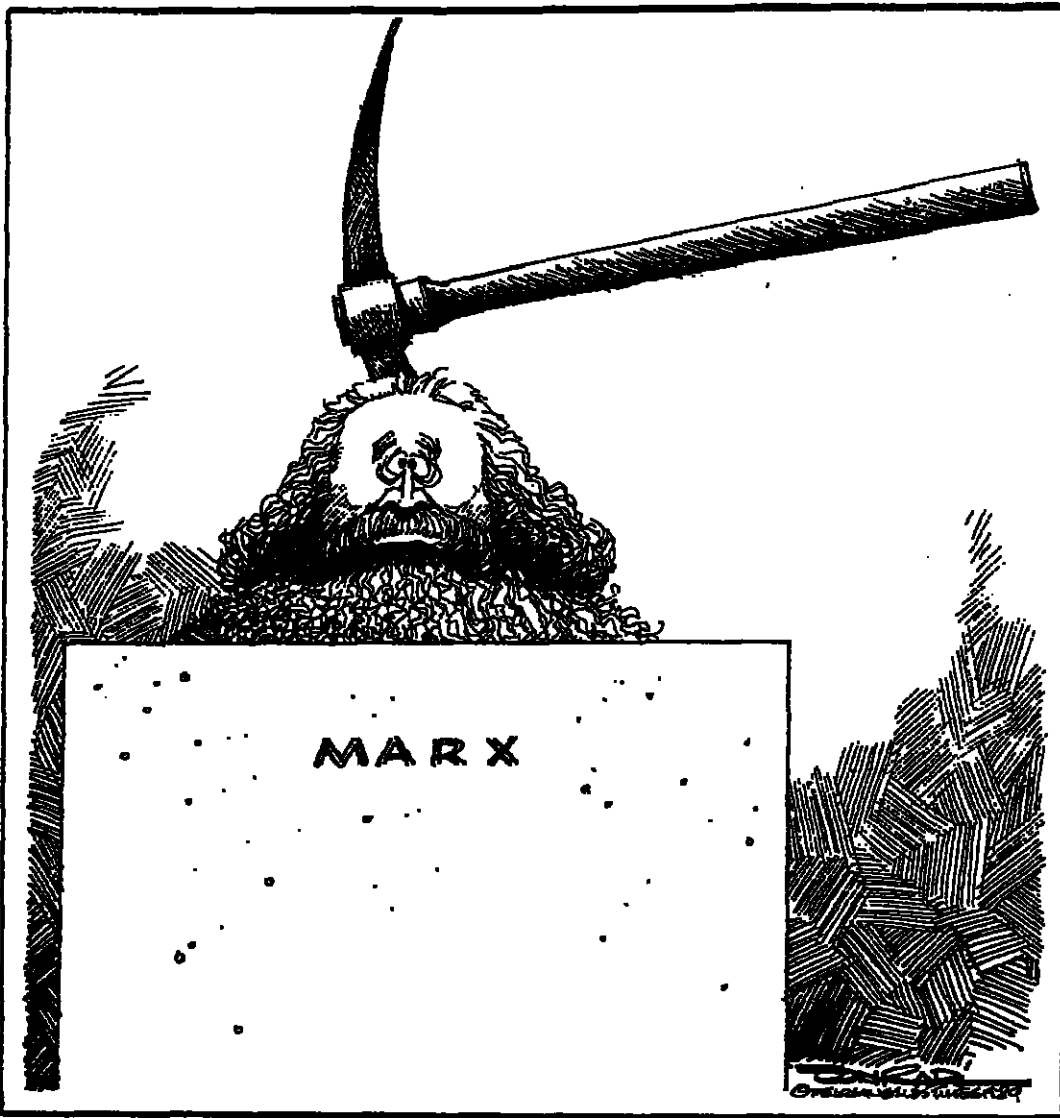
Earlier this year pressure from independent environmentalist groups prompted the government to stop work on the Hungarian part of a huge hydro-electric scheme on the Danube being built jointly with Czechoslovakia.

Prague was furious, and has demanded up to \$2 billion in compensation if the Hungarians pull out altogether, as is thought likely.

Relations are even worse with Romania, which Budapest has accused of discriminating against an ethnic Hungarian minority of around two million.

According to Hungarian sources it was pressure from opposition organisations, including writers who formed the Hungarian Democratic Forum, one of the most influential groups, that helped change the government's policy from muted to open criticism of Romania's hardline leader Nicolae Ceausescu.

Hungarian Communist Party president Rezzo Nyers said last month during a visit to Moscow that his party was seeking no monopoly on contacts with Soviet politicians. (Vienna — Reuters)



## Hungary rings the changes

THE Hungarian opposition has scored by-election triumphs which would spell massive defeat for the ruling Communists if repeated in free nation-wide polls due by mid-1990.

Coming just two months after Solidarity's sweeping election victory in Poland, the results were another sign that East Europeans will vote strongly against even reform-minded Communist leaderships when given the chance.

And they raised the question: who will govern Hungary if the Communist Party fares as badly in next year's national multi-party elections, the country's first since 1947?

In two constituencies holding a second round of by-elections on Saturday the Hungarian Democratic Forum — Hungary's strongest opposition group — polled about three times as many votes as the Communist Party.

Historian Erno Raffay from southern Szeged and teacher Jozsef Dobreczeni in provincial Keszmetel will enter parliament in September alongside Lutheran priest Gabor Roszik, who came through a first round of voting on July 22 to take his place as Hungary's first opposition MP since 1947.

The Communists suffered further humiliation in a fourth con-

stituency where too few voters turned out on Saturday to make the result valid.

Although opposition groups have yet to acquire the legal status of parties — an enabling party law is due to come before parliament this autumn — the four by-elections were in effect Hungary's first multi-party polls for 42 years.

Members of the Democratic Forum, formed less than two years ago and standing for a nationalist brand of popular sovereignty and social welfare, welcomed the results as a sweeping vote of confidence in itself and a rejection of Communist rule.

"It is a sign that more and more people have realised there is a chance of change in Hungary," Forum founder-member Geza Jozsefszki told Reuters.

The Forum belongs to a loose opposition alliance called the Opposition Round Table, which is negotiating with the Communists and a third group of state-backed bodies on Hungary's transition back to multi-party democracy.

Unlike Poland, where the ruling Communists insisted on keeping a majority of seats in the Lower House, Hungary's party says it will have fully free elections and accept the results.

Legislation under discussion

will regulate parties, a new constitution, a constitutional court and a new post of executive president of the republic. Most crucially for the future of the ruling party, it will include an election law.

Under current election rules the Communist Party would be almost wiped from Parliament if the by-election votes were reflected nationwide.

"These results will be one more reason why parties not doing well now will insist on some kind of law which combines constituency votes with proportional representation and a list system," Jozsefszki said.

The Communist Party is proposing that only half of the 350 seats in Parliament should be decided by electoral races at constituency level. The remaining 50 per cent would be distributed from lists according to proportions of votes cast.

This would ensure the party at least a moderate level of representation in Parliament — although not a very high one if the latest polls are anything to go by.

Even some opposition members recognise that after being excluded from power for 40 years they are ill-equipped to take over and a complete change of guard could destabilise Hungary. (Reuters Budapest)

## Stubborn stance alienated allies

# Premier Lange's painful reforms

PRIME MINISTER David Lange, who resigned on Monday, introduced free-market economics that unshackled New Zealand's economy but his anti-nuclear policies infuriated his country's allies.

Swept to power in elections in 1984, Lange clashed with both the United States and France over nuclear issues while pioneering the radical and painful overhaul of the economy.

He endured several troubled months in power towards the end as his popularity plunged and he fell out with former finance minister Roger Douglas, the architect of his Labour government's economic policies and once his closest ally.

Lange, 47, also fought a long battle with obesity — he once weighed 168 kg (370 pounds) — and cited health as one reason why he stood down.

He had heart surgery last year to widen an artery and earlier had his stomach stapled to try to curb his overeating.

Soon after coming to power, his government banned all nuclear-powered ships and those carrying nuclear weapons from New Zealand ports, a move that enraged the United States.

Washington suspended New Zealand from the ANZUS defence alliance, which links the two countries with Australia, and halted US Navy visits to New Zealand ports under its policy of refusing to say whether its ships carry nuclear arms.

Hopes of improved relations with the new administration of President George Bush never bore fruit. "Between the United States and New Zealand the

security alliance is dead," Bush said in April. "Neither country is going to change its mind."

Lange, a pugnacious former Methodist lay-preacher who revels in a good fight, also clashed with Paris over French nuclear testing in the South Pacific.

Relations fell to a low after French agents bombed the Rainbow Warrior flagship of the environmental group Greenpeace in Auckland Harbour in 1985.

The ship had been preparing to sail to French Polynesia to protest against nuclear tests at Mururoa Atoll when it was sunk by two blasts, killing a Greenpeace photographer.

Ties remain strained over the two agents convicted of involvement in the bombing, Alain Mafart and Dominique Prieur. New Zealand had released them on condition they were kept on a South Pacific Island but France took them home early.

Lange also fought increasingly bitter battles at home as he tried to keep his divided Labour party together.

Flushed by the 1984 elections victory, he gave full rein to Douglas who forced through a brand of radical free-market policies to try to reverse 15 years of economic decline.

Douglas scrapped farm subsidies and exchange controls, floated the dollar, started privatising state industry and fought an uncompromising battle against inflation.

But the Lange-Douglas relationship turned sour with the economy, which plunged into recession after 1987 share market crash.

While Douglas wanted to continue the shock treatment, Lange called for a slowdown. The dispute throughout last year exploded in December when Lange dismissed Douglas.

Lange's leadership, already damaged after left-wingers split in April to form a new party, suffered a further setback when Labour's Parliamentary Party forced him to accept Douglas back into the cabinet last week.

The son of a doctor, Lange was born on August 4, 1942, near Auckland. After graduating from Auckland University he worked as a lawyer in London where he met his wife, Naomi, a Methodist minister. They have three teenage children.

In 1977 he won a parliamentary seat for the Auckland constituency of Mangere and won the Labour leadership in 1983.

Lange traded in his shabby synthetic suits and thick black spectacles in an image-building effort that also involved having his once long, black, greasy hair styled.

He had a lively relationship with the media and loved sparring with reporters at regular Monday news conferences.

He once spotted a machine labelled "Media steriliser" in a horticultural research centre. "Have that sent to my office immediately," he said. (Reuters Wellington)

## Twenty years on

# IRA incurs Britain's ire

SINCE British soldiers went into Northern Ireland 20 years ago, the Irish Republican Army (IRA) has been a thorn in Britain's side, drawing blood with bombs and bullets in a campaign to oust the troops.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who narrowly escaped IRA assassination in 1984, has vowed to defeat the group she has branded as terrorist.

But security chiefs concede the war between the active service units of the estimated 250 guerrilla force and 10,000 British troops in Northern Ireland may never be won.

Some 3,000 people, including more than 400 soldiers, have been killed and 30,000 wounded mainly in Northern Ireland — since the deployment of troops on August 14, 1969, in response to violence between the Protestant majority and Catholic minority in the British province.

British soldiers in combat gear, fearful of snipers, still dart in and out of doorways in Northern Ireland's capital of Belfast amid shoppers and mothers pushing prams.

It is a surreal sight in a city within the European Economic Community.

The current wave of what is known in Northern Ireland as "the troubles" began in 1969 when the province exploded in strife between its 500,000 Catholics and the one-million-strong Protestant majority that favours union with Britain.

Asked to rate the IRA's effectiveness as a guerrilla group, Don Kerr of the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London said one of its main strengths was its wealth of experience fighting the British.

The IRA used guerrilla attacks in the struggles of the 1920s after partition when the independent Irish Republic was formed and the six counties of the north continued their union with Britain.

In 1939, the IRA launched a series of bombings in England and continued its activities against the British during World War Two. It went into eclipse after the war but burst into activity again from 1956 to 1962.

Over the last year the IRA has renewed a bombing campaign in Britain, blowing up two Army barracks and killing one soldier. Since last summer five British troops have been killed in IRA attacks in West Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands.

Security sources in Dublin say up to 20 IRA guerrillas are poised in Britain and Europe for an offensive to mark the 20th anniversary this summer of troop deployment in Northern Ireland.

Cross-border security co-operation between Britain and the Irish Republic in fighting the IRA was stepped up in 1985 when both countries signed an agreement giving Dublin a voice in Northern Ireland affairs.

The deal has shakily survived despite its inherent vulnerability to the mutual suspicion between Dublin and London and nationalist allegations that British troops and police wage a shoot-to-kill policy in Ulster.

Britain denies its security forces kill IRA fighters rather than try to capture them. It refused to prosecute police involved in the killing of six alleged guerrillas, mostly unarmed, who were shot in several incidents in 1982.

In the 1970s the IRA carried out a wave of attacks in Britain, including bombings in two pubs in the central city of Birmingham in which 21 were killed and more than 180 injured.

Declaring "One bomb in London is worth 100 in Belfast," the IRA killed 11 Cavalry troops and bandsmen in Hyde Park and Regent's Park in 1982.

Six people died when an IRA car bomb exploded near London's Harrods department store in 1983.

The IRA staged its most spectacular attack in Britain in 1984 when a bomb planted in a hotel in the southern town of Brighton nearly wiped out Thatcher's government during a Conservative Party conference. Five people were killed.

In 1987 an IRA bomb ripped through crowds in the Northern Ireland town of Enniskillen during a ceremony honouring the dead of two world wars. Eleven died.

Security chiefs believe the IRA has a stockpile of weapons that may include Libyan-supplied ground-to-air missiles for use against British helicopters in Northern Ireland.

Official statistics give a total of 413,450 pounds (187,936 kgs) of explosives uncovered in the province since 1969.

There have been almost 8,900 explosions in the last 20 years. Security forces also discovered 622 machine-guns, 3,851 rifles, 4,187 pistols, 1,366 shotguns, 54 rocket launchers, 151 mortars, two flamethrowers and 1.4 million rounds of ammunition.

Experts say the guerrilla group has plenty of money to pay for the arsenal.

"They are a very profitable organisation along the lines of the mafia," Kerr said, mentioning IRA extortion rackets and bank robberies as well as funding by supporters in the United States.

A recent book on the IRA by a trio of journalists of Britain's *The Sunday Times* estimated the group's annual income at about £7 million (\$9.5 million).

Recent setbacks have included the killing of three IRA guerrillas by British commandos in Britain's Mediterranean colony of Gibraltar last year, and bungled bomb attacks in Northern Ireland that claimed the lives of 29 civilians in the past 18 months.

But experts give the IRA high marks for bomb-making technology and cite its ability to remain a constant irritant to Britain despite its relatively small size.

"It only takes one, that's the unique characteristic of the bomb," said Kerr. (Reuters London)

weapons technology." — US President George Bush said in a speech in a ceremony to mark the 20th anniversary of the War Department.

"For the first time in a long, long time I feel I'm in control of my game again. It's a very good feeling, a welcome feeling, a winning feeling. I wouldn't be surprised if some good things happen for Tom Watson this week." — Tom Watson said as he prepares for the upcoming PGA championship.

## Quote me

"If they put us in jail it will be nude." — Magdalena Aguirre, one of hundreds of prostitutes threatening to strip in front of the Government palace unless Mexican authorities re-open the red light district.

"We had food, we had pot, we had acid, we had speed, we had everything." —

John Maloney describing the Woodstock Music Festival.

"It is possible to form a government without the opposition, but it's not clear if it is possible to rule without politicians." — Polish Communist Party Daily *Trybuna Ludu* said.

"Whatever progress has been made does not involve, to my regret, solutions to

major outstanding issues." — Yuri Nazarkin, Soviet chief envoy for arms talks said.

"We are ready to exchange our weapons for democracy, but we are not ready to exchange weapons for promises." — Adolfo Calero, Nicaragua's Contra rebel leader said in a speech.

"This has exacerbated the crisis of confidence and has reaffirmed society's fears that essentially nothing has changed and that hope for future is non-existent." — Lech Walesa said about Czeslaw Kiszc-

zak's appointment as Poland's Prime Minister.

"We believe that you will not let history say that the Soviet Union stood helpless watching a country destroyed by Soviet weapons." — Michel Aoun, chief of Christian Army in Lebanon said in a letter to Gorbachev.

"Today it is not a shortage of rifles that threatens to undermine America's ability to keep the peace. To preserve the peace today, we must be strong in other ways. This means we must rely on advance



WIDEAST

# Fatah backs 'two states'

W. Bank boy shot and wounded

TUNIS, Aug 7. (Agencies): Fatah, the mainstream group in the PLO gave PLO chairman Yasser Arafat clearance today to follow through his diplomatic campaign for a Palestinian state alongside Israel. Delegates to a congress of more than 1,100 Fatah militants, the movement's first since 1980, said Arafat won 90 per cent support in a vote taken in the early hours. The 10 per cent who voted against, mostly hardliners with reservations about Arafat's unrequited concessions to Israel, said they would abide by the majority decisions, they said. Texts of the political resolutions were not immediately available but delegates said they endorsed the strategy adopted by the Palestinian parliament-in-exile in Algiers last year. Arafat aides and non-Fatah moderates allied to the PLO chairman said they were delighted with the outcome.

## MIDEAST BRIEFS

**Mother buried:** The mother of Iran's supreme leader, Ali Khamenei, was buried today in the holy city of Mashhad, the Iranian news Agency IRNA reported. It said several senior officials attended the burial of Hajieh Mirdamadi in the shrine of the eighth Shiite Imam Reza. She died of a heart attack yesterday aged 76. Khamenei, 50, was not listed among those attending the funeral ceremony. (Reuters)

**Iran drugs:** Iran has put its anti-drugs campaign on a war footing but building minefields and barbed wire obstacles along its southern borders. Tehran radio said today. Iran has allocated \$28 million to finance network of labour camps to hold drug addicts. Mokhtar Kalantari, a high-ranking Revolutionary Guards commander in charge of the campaign, told a press conference in Tehran the minefields and barbed wire obstacles were set up between outposts along a border highway recently built in the area. A radio dispatch monitored in Athens quoted Kalantari as saying the new measures, which put the anti-drugs campaign on a war footing, were found necessary to stop convoys of vehicles which smuggled narcotic drugs into Iran across the southern borders. (UPI)

**Attempt foiled:** Six people were arrested attempting to smuggle thousands of gold and silver coins out of the country, Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency reported today. The haul consisted of 2,150 gold and 1,320 silver coins of the Qajar era, said the agency, which is monitored in Moscow. The Qajars were the royal dynasty that reigned in Iran from 1814-1928 before the Pahlavi dynasty. IRNA said the coins and 4.1 million rials in paper money (\$57,000) were concealed in inter-city coaches travelling between Isfahan in central Iran and the eastern Baluchistan province bordering Pakistan. The agency did not give a value for the seized coins. (AP)

**Embassy damaged:** Fire partly destroyed the Libyan Embassy early this morning, authorities said. No injuries were reported. Police opened an investigation to determine the origin of the blaze at the Libyan People's Bureau in Bern, the Swiss capital. Officials estimated damage at more than 100,000 Swiss francs (\$62,000). Local authorities said fire broke out at 1 am today and was brought under control by firefighters in 15 minutes. The interior and part of the building's walls were destroyed, officials said. (AP)

**US willing:** China's Soviet moderation in the Middle East, the United States is showing some willingness to accept its playing a major role, according to the Wall Street Journal today. Within the past few months, the Soviet Union has made significant progress in rebuilding relations with moderate, pro-Western Arab states, Israel and Iran. It also has distanced itself somewhat from the disruptive policies of the radical regimes in the Middle East. "The fear of inviting the Soviets into the Middle East is somewhat relaxed," says an administration official. "There is fairly good evidence that the Soviets desire to be seen as responsible members of the international community." (KUNA)

**Unlimited support:** Saudi Arabia and Yemen Arab Republic have reiterated unlimited support to the Palestinian uprising in the occupied Arab lands and the Palestinian peace initiative. In a communique carried by the Saudi Press Agency today at conclusion of the higher Saudi-Yemen co-operation committee, the two countries backed the declaration of the independent Palestinian state and deplored the inhuman Israeli practices against the revolting Palestinian people. They further welcomed the idea of an international Mideast peace conference with participation of all parties concerned including the PLO to realise "an accepted, just, durable and comprehensive peace." (KUNA)

**Shepherd's release:** Iran asked the United Nations, in a letter published today, to obtain the release of an Iranian shepherd and his flock alleged to have been abducted by Iraq more than a month ago. "At around 1:00 pm on 26 June 1989, an Iranian shepherd, Mr Ibrahim Glandari, was captured around Haji Ibrahim Mountain in Piranshahr area and along with his 650 sheep was taken to Iraq," Iranian UN Charge d'Affaires Mahmoud Medarshahi told Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar. He quoted UN officials monitoring the year-old Iran-Iraq ceasefire as saying the shepherd was taken to Baghdad and the sheep moved behind the Iraqi lines. (Reuters)

**Bomb detonated:** A home-made explosive device hanging from a placard reading "End torture in Turkish prisons" was found today in the Turkish-Cypriot sector of Nicosia. Police cordoned off the area while a bomb disposal expert detonated the device, contained in a soft-drink can. Witnesses said the device was intended to explode when the placard was taken down but was not powerful enough to cause injuries.

## Jail hunger strike gaining momentum

Turks force-feed some

ANKARA, Aug 7. (Reuters): Turkish jail hunger strikes gained momentum today with nearly 1,500 mainly Kurdish and leftist inmates spurning an official move to improve conditions, a leading human rights activist said.

"We want the minimum standards for treatment of inmates as drawn up by the United Nations and the Council of Europe," said Nevzat Helvacı, president of Turkey's Human Rights Association.

He told Reuters that about 300 more inmates had joined the protest, which began to swell after the deaths last Wednesday of two convicted Kurdish rebels who had refused food for 35 days.

The Justice Ministry, fearing more deaths and further damage to Turkey's poor human rights image, said yesterday it hoped to relax a decree on conditions which sparked the hunger strikes.

"The ministry statement comes too late and is insufficient. All that has been promised is to set up a committee to look into the matter. There is nothing concrete," Helvacı said.

Reversing a previous decision, the ministry yesterday ordered 15 hunger strikers in critical condition at western Turkey's Aydin jail to be taken to a local state hospital.

Less than 14 per cent of Turks support Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, according to an opinion poll published today.

Of those polled, 13.7 per cent said that they would vote for Ozal's Motherland Party in the next general election, the Gallup Poll published by the mass-circulation daily Sabah said.

Ozal, Turkey's dominant politician since he came to power in 1983, has said that he might run for the presidency in October when incumbent Kenan Evren's seven-year term ends.

"The resolutions are excellent. They fully support Arafat's line. They couldn't be better," a Arafat aide told Reuters.

The Palestinian Parliament, known as the Palestine National Council, proclaimed an independent Palestinian state on the understanding that this would take shape when Israel withdrew from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

It was the first step in a diplomatic offensive which led to increased international support for the Palestinian cause and opened the way for direct talks with Washington.

But Arafat faced internal complaints that he sometimes acted unilaterally and that the PLO had gained nothing from his political concessions to Israel and the United States.

In Geneva last December, Arafat renounced terrorism and recognised Israel's right to exist. In Paris in May he said the Palestine national charter, which advocates dismantling the state of Israel, was out of date.

One delegate said the Fatah resolutions avoided mentioning these concessions and another said the congress supported "struggle against Israel by all methods."

In their speeches over the past four days, many delegates emphasised armed struggle, which Arafat continues to uphold as a legitimate weapon but not as a practical policy for the moment.

The congress will elect at least five new members to the Fatah central committee later today to replace members assassinated or expelled since the last elections in 1980.

The new committee of 15 will be able to co-opt three others to bring the membership up to 18, the maximum.

More than 30 candidates are standing for the seats, including Intissar Al Wazir (Umm Jihad), the widow of assassinated PLO military commander Khalil Al Wazir (Abu Jihad).

A Gaza Strip Palestinian who gave Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin a plan for Arabs to agree to an Israeli election proposal is at the Tunis congress of Arafat's Fatah movement, Israel Radio says.

Arafat is to visit Jordan next week, well-informed Palestinian sources speculated in Amman.

US envoy John Kelly said today that his talks in Jordan centred on the Middle East peace process and the situation in Lebanon.

Kelly, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, told reporters at Marka civil airport: "It was a productive, fruitful and educational series of meetings for me here."

In the West Bank, a 12-year-old Arab boy was shot and seriously wounded in the neck near the town of Bethlehem, hospitals and the Army said. The Army said it was investigating whether soldiers or Jewish settlers were involved.

A Palestinian teenager shot in a clash with troops in the Gaza Strip last week died in hospital of head wounds, military sources said. They identified him as Moyal Abdel Fares, 16, of Khan Yomni.

In the Gaza Strip, a Palestinian stabbed by other Arabs who suspected him of helping Israel died in hospital, doctors said.

At least 583 Arabs, including more than 70 killed by fellow Palestinians, have died in the revolt against Israeli rule of the occupied territories. Thirty-nine Jews have also been killed.

In Jerusalem, the trial of Rabbi Moshe Levinger, accused of manslaughter in the shooting death of a West Bank Arab, was postponed for a third time to give his attorney more time to review the case.

# Rocket attack on Kabul's top hotel

KABUL, Afghanistan, Aug 7. (AP): A rocket barrage pounded northwest Kabul for the second day today, sending frightened residents running for cover, damaging the city's only luxury hotel and injuring several people.

Officials at Avicena and Alibad hospitals said they treated four victims, including a 10-year-old boy who lost both legs. The Red Cross hospital also reported several injuries.

In less than an hour, about 15 rockets struck within a mile (1.6 kilometres) of the hilltop Continental Hotel. One hit the hotel, carving a two-foot (60-centimetre) wide hole as it crashed into the fifth-floor

presidential suite, setting it ablaze, before plunging through to the fourth floor. The rooms were unoccupied, and no one was injured.

Later, several more rockets fell, one setting off a blaze after apparently igniting fuel in a business and residential area beneath the Afghan TV broadcasting tower, perched on one of the hills surrounding this capital.

Yesterday, more than 20 rockets struck within a mile (1.6 kilometres) of the 240-room Continental Hotel.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said US-backed rebels trying to oust the Soviet-supported government apparently were

targeting the Continental because they thought Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze stayed there when he visited the Afghan capital yesterday.

Shevardnadze arrived yesterday morning and left that evening, the Soviet Embassy said. He met twice with President Najib but there was no immediate word on the outcome of the talks.

38 rockets hit Kabul yesterday, killing nine people and injuring 38. Four major hospitals reported 53 injured.

The Continental, once owned by the Intercontinental Chain, shook several times as the rockets, with their distinctive whistle and booms, struck in rapid suc-

cession. The lobby was filled with smoke and dozens of windows were shattered.

Several rockets also apparently were aimed at Kabul's main grain silo, where several hundred trucks were lined up waiting to be unloaded. One appeared to hit close to the silo's perimeter and another several blocks away in a residential area.

Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze has left Kabul for the Soviet Union after a visit lasting less than 24 hours, the Soviet News Agency Tass said today.

Tass, monitored in London, said Shevardnadze left Kabul late yesterday after meeting Afghan President Najibullah.

Syrians chase off young men

## Filipinas leave Beirut

DAMASCUS, Aug 7. (AP): Nearly 200 Filipino women entertainers were on their way home today after dodging shells and amorous boyfriends while being evacuated from the war-torn Lebanese capital, Beirut.

The group of 196 girls, some of them with babies, accompanied by a few men, left Damascus early today for the flight home aboard a Philippine Airlines jumbo jet, the first PAL airliner ever to land in Syria.

The girls left Beirut under shellfire in a military convoy escorted by Syrian troops all the way to

Damascus airport. The Syrians also had to disarm and chase off armed Lebanese young men who wanted to prevent the departure of some of the girls, claiming they were their girlfriends.

Most of the women had been working in local nightclubs. They had been stranded in the Lebanese capital by their impresarios, who had fled from the city because of the fierce artillery duels of the past three months between Christian Lebanese and Syrian forces.



Two veiled women, one with her baby daughter, stand at the entrance of a Cairo state security court waiting to get permission to enter and attend the first session of Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman's trial yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Iraq urges Iran for peace

BAGHDAD, Aug 7. (KUNA): Iraq today urged the international community for pressuring Iran so as to determine its attitude toward realising permanent and comprehensive peace in the region.

A statement issued by Iraqi Foreign Ministry today, on the first anniversary of the Iraq-Iran ceasefire, reiterated the need for pressing Iran into direct negotiations with Iraq under the auspices of the UN secretary-general in order to execute the UN Security Council's Resolution 598, adopted on July 20, 1987.

The two countries had started direct talks following their ceasefire agreement on August 8, 1988, but those talks sponsored by the UN, to try and turn into reality the provisions of the Resolution 598, were deadlocked.

The Iraqi statement today appealed to the world community to assess the outcome of the year that had elapsed since the signing of the ceasefire accord, particularly with regard to what had been achieved toward implementing Resolution 598.

Blaming Iran for scuttling peace efforts in the region, the statement warned against the continued state of no war, no peace between the two sides of the conflict, asserting that it was not only endangering the ceasefire, but the stability and security in the entire Gulf region as well.

Sultan Qaboos of Oman arrived from Egypt today for talks with Saudi Arabian King Fahd on ways of activating the Iran-Iraq peace process.

Arab diplomats said the two leaders were concerned over the deadlock in the peace drive, initiated by the UN-brokered ceasefire that ended the eight-year Gulf war last Aug 20.

They were to start formal talks later in the day.

United Nations-sponsored talks for a lasting peace started five days after the ceasefire but stalled immediately. Several further rounds have failed to result in progress.

Iraqi troops are still occupying about 1,000 square kilometres (380 square miles) of Iranian territory. Iran insists they must be withdrawn before the talks can proceed.

The Iraqis say they do not recognise a 1975 treaty drawing part of the border with Iran down the middle of the Shatt-Al-Arab waterway, their only outlet to the Gulf.

Baghdad wants the borders redrawn to include all the waterway as Iraqi and demands the sole right to dredge it of mines and other war debris.

The diplomats said Fahd and Qaboos will also review the latest developments in the Arab-Israeli conflict with emphasis on the "escalating Palestinian resistance," against the Israeli occupation forces in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.



Fairouz is shown during a recent visit to Cairo. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Fairouz: the voice of hope

'I love you Lebanon'

CAIRO, Egypt, Aug 7. (AP): A 54-year-old diva from Lebanon has become a voice of hope for Arabs in troubled times. She performs traditional odes about love and nostalgia for simple village life that speak to almost everyone in a region beset by political and economic turmoil.

When Fairouz visited Egypt for a recent concert, 50 Palestinians dropped to their knees in the upstairs lobby of a sumptuous Cairo hotel and burst into song to serenade her in her suite.

"We're not ready to kneel for anybody, only for Fairouz," Monhir Gherayib said.

The song was a ballad by the petite Lebanese who has become the most famous singer in the Arab world: "I won't forget you Palestine, now, now, not tomorrow, the bells of return should ring." It eventually drew the reclusive star from her room. As she descended the stairs, the group fell silent. Several women cried.

Fairouz, a Greek Orthodox Christian, still lives in Beirut despite the continuing violence there. For ordinary Lebanese — Christians and Muslims alike — suffering through the 15th year of a seemingly endless civil war, she has become their voice.

When the shelling forces most people underground, radio stations of all political persuasions flood the airwaves with her plaintive ode "To Beirut," about the city rising from its ashes.

One song called "We Will Return One Day" used to be sung for the Palestinians. Now the Lebanese, driven from their country by war, have adopted it as an anthem for ending their exile.

Fairouz denies any political undertone in her music. But she acknowledges that many of her songs are interpreted politically, and her influence extends far beyond Lebanon's borders.

"Everybody explains the song according to their own situations or feelings," she told the Associated Press. "My choice of music is always linked to love, not to politics. If I sing about Palestine, I don't sing it for political reasons."

A song called "Ask Me, O Damascus" was played on the radio in Syria in the 1960s every time the leaders of a new coup succeeded in seizing the official radio station.

Fairouz's choices also coincide with events in the region. At the Cairo concert, just weeks after the Arab League ended its 10-year ostracism of Egypt for signing a peace treaty with Israel, she sang "Egypt, Your Golden Sun Shines Again" for the first time in 14 years.

With the Palestinian uprising against Israel's military occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip in its 20th month, she sang a song about Jerusalem called "Flower of All Cities," also for the first time in 14 years. "She represents the hope and the pain of the people," said Nizar Zreik, 29, from a village near Nazareth.

He was among 1,000 Palestinians with Israeli passports who swarmed over the border for their first chance to see and hear Fairouz perform in Cairo, a chance made possible by the Egypt-Israel peace treaty.

People battled over seats in the highest-priced, \$95-a-seat section in a country where a starting government employee earns only \$23 a month.

When Lebanon's government split last fall, the running joke was the only institutions that all residents clung to were the Central Bank and Fairouz. Then both Muslim and Christian governments got mad at the bank.

The singer refuses to take sides in the conflict. "I could not belong to a party. I could not be anybody's partisan," she said.

When the fighting in Beirut gets heavy, fear stills her voice. "You're constantly running away," she said. "You keep trying to hide, to find a corner to hide in."

The singer keeps homes in both sectors of divided Beirut. Neither has a bomb shelter. The direction of the shelling determines where she lives.

In the latest spasm of fighting, she chose her apartment in Muslim West Beirut because it faces the sea. But a shell exploded in an apartment two floors below, shattering her windows and twisting her shutters.

On stage, she normally stands stock still, defiant and somewhat melancholy in front of a 40-piece orchestra. An occasional shake of the shoulders or a slight gesture with her left arm are the only movements.

Songs about Lebanon produce the most visible emotion. In one, she threw both arms into the air when she reached the final line: "I love you Lebanon, my homeland."

## Saddam orders to build graves for ancient Iraqi kings

BAGHDAD, Aug 7. (Reuters): Iraq, seeking to rehabilitate the reputation of its monarchy 30 years after overthrowing the last king, has ordered that graves be built for its ancient rulers.

Yesterday's decree from President Saddam Hussein for graves as a symbolic mark of respect was issued the day after a statue was re-erected in Baghdad of King Faisal I, who

ruled between 1921 and 1932. Information Minister Latif Nassif Al-Jassem told the Iraqi News Agency that Hussein had ordered archaeologists and other authorities to gather all possible information about the ancient monarchs.

Civilisation in Iraq, originally known as Mesopotamia (land between two rivers), dates back some 4,500 years. Among its Kings

was Nebuchadnezzar, who from 604 to 538 BC ruled an empire which covered Syria, Lebanon, Palestine and Jordan.

Iraq was also the centre of the Abbasid Muslim Empire from 750 AD when the Caliph, Haroun Al-Rashid, ruled the Middle and Near East and parts of India.

The government has spent \$3.2 million this year to renovate Baghdad's Royal Cemetery.





Richard Gere, in a world of his own

## Fantasy and adventure

# Running from reality

By Shaun Seekins

*Miles From Home* is the feature debut of director Gary Sinise, a co-founder of Chicago's acclaimed Steppenwolf Theatre Company. Shot entirely on location in Iowa, it is a story about the effect on two brothers of the loss of the family farm.

Following the death of their father—who achieved no less than a Farm Of The Year award and a visit from Nikita Khrushchev in 1959—the oldest Frank, (Richard Gere), has been struggling to manage the farm under ever increasing debts and a growing sense of personal failure.

Younger brother Terry, (Kevin Anderson) has always looked up to Frank and submitted to his older brother's direction, so when Frank decides to torch it rather than see anyone else own it, Terry helps him burn the whole place down.

From now on they are on the run and Frank's behaviour becomes more and more erratic. Elated by their growing notoriety he persuades himself that they are outlaws—The Roberts Brothers, popular heroes protesting against financial injustice.

At first Terry is happy to go along for the ride as Frank steals a succession of ostentatious cars, enjoys the wide eyed appreciation of beautiful women and even fixes an exclusive interview with a trendy journalist (John Malkovich in a cameo role).

But Frank's unpredictability also entails an alarming tendency to wave guns around, threatening policemen and attempting a raid on the farmer's bank. Terry finds himself increasingly torn between loyalty for Frank and the knowledge that his brother is simply running from reality.

Eventually and inevitably their brotherhood falls apart. With the promise of a future with girlfriend Sally (Penelope Ann Miller), Terry must decide whether to give himself up or keep on running with Frank.

*Bellman and True* is a new British thriller, the title being an oblique reference to a father-and-son step-inexorably caught up in a £12 million bank job and its violent aftermath.

Sacked from his job with National General Bank, computer expert and secret drinker Hiller (Bernard Hill) is forced to unravel the secrets of a bank file for a ruthless gang that has kidnapped his stepson (Kieran O'Brien). Hillman cracks the code which unlocks plentiful information about the bank's holdings. But instead of being freed, he is forced to participate actively in the heist itself because of his specialised electronics knowledge.

The robbery works well but, in the getaway, a policeman is killed. Gang leader, The Guvnor (Derek Newark) now considers that Hiller and the boy could provide the weak link to their being traced and plans to dispose of his bellman (which in underworld speak is an

alarms system breaker.)

But before he can carry out his threat, Hiller turns the tables.

A little slow in the build-up, the film genuinely catches fire once the robbery is underway. Some chilling violence and black comic one-liners are neatly stirred in, following the tradition of, say, *The Sweeney*.

*The Brindmore Island Conspiracy* is an "edge of the seat" thriller, starring Ted Danson (*Three Men and a Cradle*) and Richard Masur. When physicist Dr Alex Delaware (Danson) finds that someone has committed suicide in his office, he decides to investigate himself with dangerous results.

*Andy Colby's Incredibly Awesome Adventure* is a new children's adventure. To his dismay 12 year old Andy Colby's mum informs him he must stay in and baby-sit for his six year old sister, Bonnie, the night he wanted to play laser tag with his friend Luke. He decides the best thing is to rent a video to keep Bonnie amused and sneak out to Luke's. So Andy rents "The Incredible Video Adventure" from the friendly local Video Club. All goes according to plan until an evil video wizard Lord Chroma reaches out and pulls Bonnie through the screen. Andy then has the most incredible adventures in his search to find his sister.

The above movies are by courtesy of VFI, Flint/Farwell; Video Nani, Salisbury, Tel: 2432809; and Video Club, Tel: 5724372.

# Yuppie cops lost in sunrise

By Gail Seery

TEQUILA SUNRISE is not an easy film to get to grips with. Starring Mel Gibson, Michelle Pfeiffer, Kuit Russell and Raul Julia, at best it is confusing, at worst pretty pointless. As I viewed it I couldn't escape a feeling of déjà vu—the echoes of Hemingway, particularly *To Have and Have Not*, and the Bogart films, is very strong, and not necessarily to the good of the story, which tells us the everyday tale of ordinary drug folk.

On one level it's a classic triangle, with two former buddies smitten by a glamorous restaurant owner who apparently can eat all the pasta she likes and not get fat or spotty.

Admittedly this must be pretty appealing stuff in a woman, and the heroes, a cop and a reformed drug smuggler cannot resist her. She has the sort of eyes which, if she were a man, would instantly land her the part of Sue Ellen's lover/psychiatrist in *Dallas*.

Not that the male characters are any more convincing. Dale McInisick, the drug runner, is a sort of poor man's Robert de Niro and is perfectly OK as long as he doesn't try to act he is however kind to cats and kids. Nick Freesia the cop is profoundly on the ball, given to inspired conclusions with no evidence and spying on his friends. I ask this question in all earnestness: are there really yuppie cops in the

US? and do they really wear all that hair gel?

—and if so why? Going back to the abysmal female stereotypes in *Tequila Sunrise* (another Hemingway throwback perhaps) the only two female characters are little more than ciphers. Michelle Pfeiffer's role as Joanne Falloner simply provides the one person in the story who is good and honest, and very dim. McInisick's wife is a stereotype I'm sick to death of seeing in films—grasping the alimony, and running a Mercedes—without engine oil—while her ex-husband, the good guy, the ex-drug runner, plays on forklifts and can only afford a huge speedboat. Gee, it's tough on the poverty line. I mean, the poor guy is down to his last beach house.

The story is not especially new and should be a piece of cake to make sense of, but instead the screenplay makes it absurdly difficult to follow. I mean, whatever happened to realistic dialogue? Is there some sort of ruling which says you don't have to have it if one of your heroes wears enough hair gel? There are one or two good lines, and it is impossible to escape the impression that the whole of the film is strung together from witicism to bad language and back. In a scene between Freesia (the Yuppie cop) and Joanne, what is the possible justification for a feed line like, "So tell me, what do cops drink? when he's sitting there, white wine in hand very obviously intending to put it in his mouth and swallow. (I did mention that she was dim). Of course, there is a justification—the payoff line: "Generally I tell my men to lay off vodka and sick to whisky and bourbon," he replies, oozing slime. "Why's that?" she responds. (because she is being paid a lot of money to do so). "So that the brass will know they're drunk and not stupid," he tells her. A nice line on its own, but is it worth building a whole film around about it?

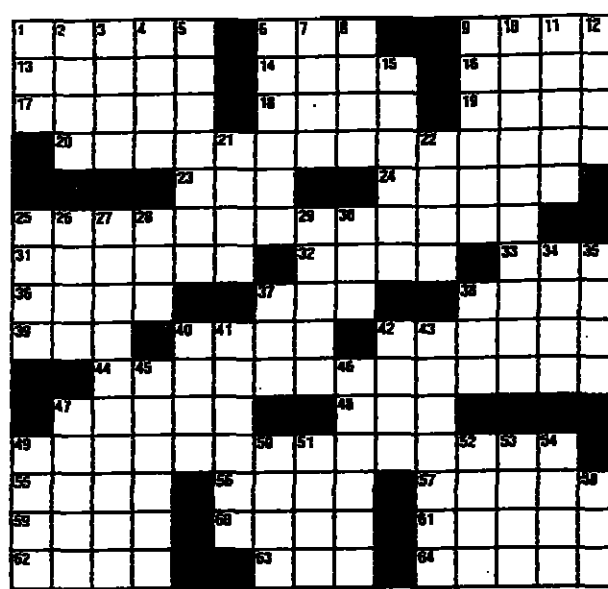
And what about the name? *Tequila Sunrise*. Well, there are lots of shots of orange coloured liquids in jugs, most of which are consumed by McInisick, and plenty of contrived orange sunsets, which make the leading players look as if they are swimming in tequila and orange juice. Yuck!

The story line is nothing to get excited about either. Dale McInisick is the only one who knows what the legendary drug dealer Carlo looks like, and the authorities are prepared to set him up in order to get to the big man, while his buddy Freesia tries to make certain they play by the rules, and dim blonde Joanne gets tangled up in the middle. Incidentally, this film wins my award for the least likely ending of the 1980s, so if your credulity factor is passed way before the climax as mine was, I suggest you switch off after conflagration to avoid being sick.



Michelle Pfeiffer: portrays another abysmal female stereotype in Tequila Sunrise

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Sparkling
  - Author Wallace
  - Healing sign
  - Gene Autry flick
  - Grouchy goddess
  - Pop
  - Stern
  - Italian wine
  - Wave, along the Seine
  - Greeting from Brutus
  - Actor John
  - Trained messenger
  - Tip of Massachusetts
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  - Utah bloom
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  - Invitation inits.
  - Bikini experiments
  - Poetic forms
  - Showing fatigue
  - Gilded brass for ornaments
  - Intarsia
  - Knight's transport
  - Evening, in Rome
  - One of 50
  - Gwyn or Carter
  - Baltic feeder
  - Ricard department
  - Lug
  - Disapproving sound

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

EXPLORE ALL POSSIBILITIES

Both vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ A 4 2  
 ♥ 8 5 4  
 ♦ A K 9 6 5  
 ♣ J 8

**WEST**  
 ♠ Q 7 6 3  
 ♥ 7  
 ♦ Q 2  
 ♣ A Q 10 6 4 3 9 2

**EAST**  
 ♠ 10 9 8  
 ♥ J 10 9 6 3  
 ♦ J 10 8  
 ♣ K J 5  
 ♥ A K Q 2  
 ♦ 7 4 3  
 ♣ K 7 5

**The bidding:**  
 South West North East  
 1 NT Pass 3 NT Pass  
 Pass Pass

**Opening lead:** Six of ♠  
 It's again time to test your dummy-play technique. Cover the East-West cards and decide how you would play three no trump after West leads a low club.

The first problem is what to play from dummy at the first trick. You have one sure club stopper no matter what you do. If West is leading away from the ace-queen of clubs, you will have a second, positional stopper provided you play the jack from dummy. You do and it holds. Now what?

You have eight fast tricks. You can develop a ninth if the spade finesse succeeds, if the hearts are 3-3, or by setting up long cards in

diamonds. What are the risks? You cannot afford to let East gain the lead, because a club through the king will inevitably sink the contract. So at trick two try the spade finesse. That loses to the queen and a spade comes back. You win in hand. What next?

You can't afford to go after hearts—if the suit doesn't break, West might be able to get rid of an embarrassing diamond. So lead a low diamond toward dummy. If West plays low, rise with the king. If West produces the queen, let him hold the trick. Both defenders follow low. How do you continue?

You have to get back to test the lie of the diamonds. Come to hand with a heart and play another diamond. When West produces the queen, let him hold the trick and, if East follows, claim your contract. If West does not produce the queen, take the ace and cash two more high hearts. If the suit splits, you're home. If it doesn't, lead a third diamond and hope West must win. He must then either exit with a spade, which allows you to cash the winning diamonds, or else lead a club, which will permit you to score the king and enjoy the diamonds in dummy.

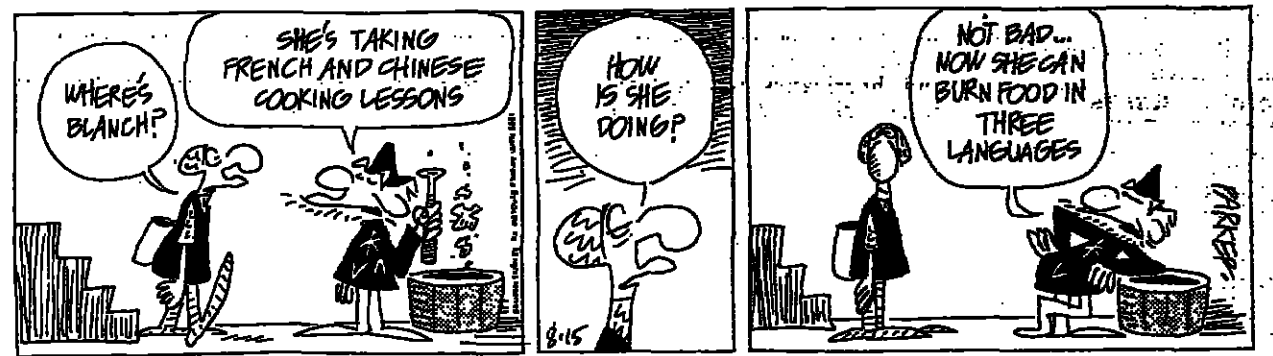
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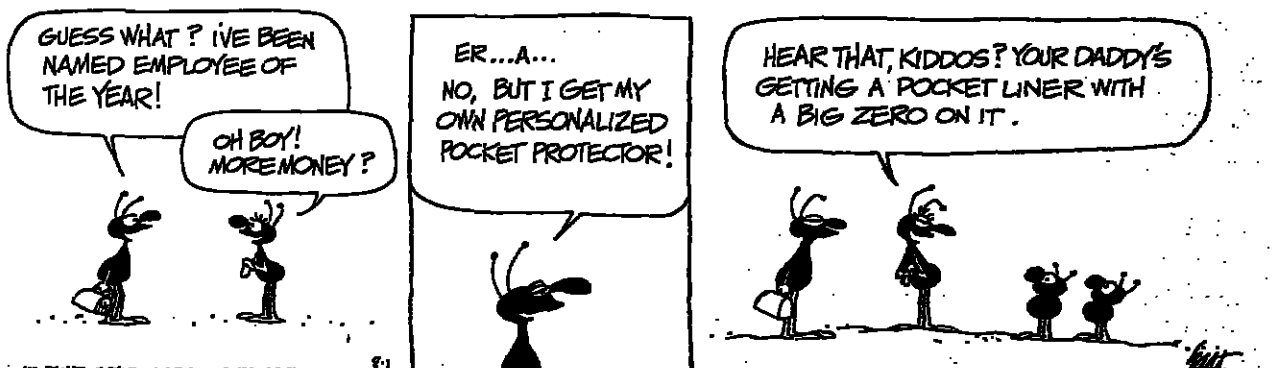
## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS



**Aries (March 20 - April 18)**

You will be tempted to do something that you must not. You should be meticulous about your personal appearance. Accept the fact you are getting older but do not allow yourself to be dejected by it. Be helpful.



**Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**

You should not even try to obtain something for nothing. Your lucky numbers are 10 and 19. Avoid exaggerating and do not exceed safe and proper limits. Too much chocolate is not liable to agree with you. Be cordial.



**Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**

Beware of being jealous and try not to give rise to envy. Try to ensure that you are sitting comfortably. Do not permit yourself to be distracted from the task in hand. Be alert.



**Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**

If you eat too many spicy and hot foods your stomach may rebel. Do not become annoyed about one of your shortcomings. Instead try to remedy it. Show more love towards your partner. Be responsive.



**Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)**

You will be disinclined to do what has to be done but you must go through with it. Better more slowly but surely than more quickly but badly. Take care you are dressed correctly for the occasion and the weather. Be more patient.



**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)**

You are going the wrong way about doing something that has to be done. Making a small change will make a big difference. Do not live too much in the past. Be considerate.



**Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)**

You are all too easily distracted and should make every effort to concentrate. You should not take on more than you can chew, but you must not underestimate your own abilities. You will be able to do something to increase harmony with your partner. Be moderate.



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**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)**

You will be able to do something that will give you a great deal of pleasure. However do not think only of yourself. Look out for mistakes made by others as well as by you. Be magnanimous.



**Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)**

You should try to keep out of an argument particularly if the subject is something you feel strongly about. You will be able to pick up something that seems like a great bargain—but do make sure it is. Be polite.



**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)**

Not everything will be to your liking but quite a few things will be. See to it that you honour your obligations. Do not try to postpone paying a bill, if you do you will no better off in the end. Be realistic.



**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)**

Something you have been meaning to do for ages will now be possible. Do not delay. As long as your luck is changing, but do not entirely rely on it nonetheless. Be tactful.



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Energy File

### Iran's crude exports down

MANAMA, Aug. 7. (UPI) Recent falls in Iran's crude oil exports were expected to hinder new Iranian President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani's task of revamping his nation's war-shattered economy, diplomats, bankers and an oil industry newsletter said today.

The fall in Iran's crude exports also means that Tehran is not fulfilling its OPEC-allocated crude oil export quota, at a time when at least two other Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries — Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates — are complaining that their own OPEC allocations are far too low.

"Iran's crude oil exports fell to 1.78 million barrels per day in July, down from 2.2 million barrels per day in June," the Cyprus-based Middle East Economic Survey reported. Iran's current OPEC quota is 2.783 million barrels per day.

Gulf-based Iranian diplomats confirmed the drop in crude exports, but described it as a "temporary phenomenon." Western bankers said the fall in Iranian crude exports had not yet reached crisis point, but remained worrying for the Iranians nevertheless because it came at a time when Iran desperately needed hard currency to pay for imported raw materials.

"This is a blow for Rafsanjani's hopes of the economy," one banker said, "but there are still other measures he can take that can more than compensate for the relatively small drop in crude exports."

Iran needs cash from oil exports to buy the raw materials required to enable the country to get its estimated 7,000 manufacturing units to resume pre-1980 production levels.

**Oil joint ventures**  
■ LAGOS, Aug. 7. (Reuters) The Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) is arranging joint ventures deals with about 12 foreign oil firms that have facilities to store, refine and market Nigerian crude abroad, Petroleum Resources Minister Riwani Lukman said yesterday.

"We have signed letters of intent with four and the rest are on the way," he told a news conference in Lagos.

### Energy ties

■ JAKARTA, Aug. 7. (OPECNA) Future energy co-operation between Indonesia and the United Kingdom will be extended to cover oil and gas processing, it has been reported here.

Suyitno Musukiso, director general of oil and gas affairs at the Ministry of Mines and Energy, said the British government was now providing aid to Indonesia for research and exploration activities.

Indonesia was currently developing its own technology for oil and gas exploration and in the next few years would broaden its ties with Britain to boost processing capabilities.

### Output down

■ PARIS, Aug. 7. (OPECNA) French oil production fell to 1.41 million tonnes in the first five months of the year, 5.2 per cent lower than the same period in 1988.

According to an oil industry bulletin here, the drop was chiefly due to reduced output from the Paris basin where 11.6 per cent and 15.3 per cent declines were registered at the Chamoux and Villerperdue fields respectively.

### Satellite ground station opened

BAGHDAD, Aug. 7. (Reuters) Transport and Communications Minister Mohammed Hamza Al Zubeidi today opened Iraq's first satellite communications ground station.

The Iraqi News Agency said the 4.7 million dinar (\$15 million) station could carry 38 telephone channels, 240 telegraphic channels and two television channels.

The station is located in the northern town of Tikrit, about 100 km from Baghdad.

The station will be used for the transmission of Iraq's satellite television channels and for the reception of foreign satellite television channels.

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## Output capacity on the rise

# Iraq could export 6m BPD next year

BAGHDAD, Aug. 7. (Agencies) Iraq's oil minister was quoted today as saying Baghdad could export six million barrels of oil per day (BPD) from next year but would stick to its OPEC quota.

In an interview published in Al-Itihad weekly, Issam Abdul-Rahim Al-Chalabi said Iraq planned to build a second pipeline linking its northern and southern oilfields.

Chalabi said Iraq had repaired war-damaged oil terminals on the Gulf a few months after its eight-year war with Iran was halted by a UN-brokered ceasefire declared on August 20.

"(Iraq could) export six million BPD as from next year... but we are fully committed to the OPEC quota," he said. Iraq currently has a quota of 2.783 million BPD set by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Baghdad's oil output in May was estimated by Reuters at 2.72 million BPD.

Chalabi said the second pipeline, parallel and of equal size to one linking its rich northern oil fields with those in the south would allow greater flexibility in moving oil to outlets.

The development of Iraq's oil refineries and the commissioning

of new lines for producing engine oil and lubricants have increased the country's output capacity for by-products to 600,000 BPD, according to a report here.

An article published by the "Baghdad Observer," quoting oil ministry sources, said work was progressing on building a new central oil refinery which would raise refining capacity by another 150,000 BPD.

It pointed out that extensive efforts were being made by the oil ministry to exploit natural gas, a by-product of oil operations. Previously, foreign oil monopolies used to flare the gas, thus wasting an important national resource.

According to the article, gas treatment units in the country's north and south gas projects, were now capable of exploiting 80 per cent of the associated gas obtained during the oil production process.

The rise in gas production had been accompanied by a steady increase in the national consumption of liquefied gas, which now stood at seven-fold the figure that existed before Iraq wrested production from foreign companies.

Moreover, gas production now surpassed domestic

demand, and Iraq was currently exporting liquefied gas to Kuwait by pipeline and to Turkey and Jordan via road tankers.

It said that by 1990, Iraq expected to be capable of exporting four million tons of liquefied gas by sea through its outlets on the Gulf. Present exports of oil by-products via these terminals are only on a small scale.

Iraq only began exporting oil by-products by sea this year. Two tankers — Fao and Khan-maqin — were loaded with quantities of fuel and liquefied gas, a move that was made possible with the completion of a pipeline network linking some refineries to oil export terminals at the Gulf port of Khor Al-Zubair.

The report noted that the Iraqi oil industry had also obtained good results in recycling waste oil and lubricants. The new product was found to be compatible with world standards, which had led to savings of large sums of hard currency that would have been spent on importing similar products.

On crude oil output, the article said Iraq had been able to increase production in 1988 by 19.3 per cent, over the 1987 level, while crude exports rose by 15.3 per cent in the same period.

Iraq's crude oil production was expected to register further increases as work on new oil wells in the huge southern oilfield of Majnoon progressed.

Meanwhile, the Iraqi State Company for Oil Projects (SCOP) was developing the west Qurna oilfield to the north of the port city of Basra. Other oilfields had also played a significant role in boosting the country's output potential.

North Rumaila oilfield was developed in 1980 together with Bazerger, Fakka, Abu Grab, Nahran Omar, Bai Hassan, Jam-bour, Hamrin, and most recently, the east Baghdad oilfield.

According to the report, some 100 oilfields had been discovered by Iraqi experts over the past 20 years, containing total estimated reserves of 280 billion barrels.

Meanwhile, the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries is still pumping too much oil onto the world market and forcing prices down, the energy minister for the OPEC's only Asian member said today.

"We don't know OPEC's oil supplies for August yet but for sure they are above quota. It still has to be checked by how much," Indonesian Mines and Energy Minister Ginanjar Kartasasmita

told reporters. OPEC agreed in June on a supply ceiling of 19.5 million barrels per day until the end of the year and a price target of \$18 for each barrel.

Ginanjar laid the blame for falling prices, which have dropped nearly \$2 in the past month, squarely at OPEC's door.

"The drop in the oil price was certainly caused by the lack of unity within OPEC," he said. "If all OPEC members produce within their quota it is certain that oil prices will be higher... if members stuck to the quota the \$18 level would be guaranteed," Ginanjar said.

However, he disputed figures issued last week by the Paris-based International Energy Agency that estimated OPEC production last month at 21.3 million BPD, unchanged from June.

"As you know OPEC views output and supply differently. I don't think supply was as much as that," he said without giving figures of his own.

Ginanjar said OPEC meeting representatives would meet this month to discuss output. OPEC's ministerial monitoring committee is due to meet in Geneva in September.



Issam Abdul-Rahim Al-Chalabi

## Mideast oil prices dip

### Six-month lows

TOKYO, Aug. 7. (Reuters) A barrel of Middle East benchmark oil from Dubai was worth around \$14 today, its lowest level for six months, and oil experts said it will fall even lower before winter demand props up the market.

They said that with output from the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) rising monthly, prices would have fallen faster and further without the tension caused by the Lebanese hostage crisis, and hurricanes which temporarily disrupted production in the Gulf of Mexico.

"The market was propped up last week by the hostage crisis," said an official at a major oil company. "The fundamentals that were stopped in their tracks last week will take full rein again now."

"It's going down another 30 cents in the short term," said an international oil trader. "There's no supporting factor at the moment."

Cargoes from Oman, which last month commanded a 25-cent-a-barrel premium to the official price, are now offered at a discount of at least 10 cents as traders try to sell to satiated refiners.

Traders said oil prices should rebound with seasonal demand in the fourth quarter but only if OPEC can curb its rising production.

OPEC oil output has steadily increased throughout this year. "According to a Reuters survey," production hit 21.5 million barrels per day (BPD) in July despite a June OPEC agreement to limit output to 19.5 million in the second half of the year.

"When we asked the producers to supply more oil a month ago, all the countries accepted," said Masaru Kai, general manager of Nippon Oil Company's Petroleum Supply Department. "So we forecast an oversupply situation very soon and expected the market would go down."

At the June OPEC meeting the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Kuwait both rejected their allocated production quotas of 1.041 million and 1.093 million BPD respectively, but said they would try to limit output to 1.35 million.

The Reuters survey estimated they each produced around 1.8 million BPD in July.

Far East oil traders expect the market to remain weak for at least the next month as regional requirements are almost fully covered through the end of September.

"We expect the next turning point for the market to be on or around the next OPEC meeting," said Hideo Ito, general manager of Mitsui and company's crude oil division.

"At this time there could be upward moves but it totally depends on what the ministers agree," he said.

offer was a particular feature of this round, which was evident both by the willingness of many applicants to evaluate prospects at many different geological levels, and by the average of 2.38 firm or conditional wells per block offered by the successful applications, which is a far higher average than in any previous round.

"This round was intended to give the industry the chance to make up lost ground after the difficulties occasioned by low oil prices at the time of the 10th round.

These results show that our confidence in launching the round was entirely justified. The industry has responded magnificently, and its commitment will ensure that the UKCS continues to be a major international oil province well into the 21st century."

Licences, which give exclusive right to search, bore for and get petroleum within the licensed area, will be for an initial term of six years during which the work programme must be completed. Thereafter the licensee is obliged to surrender 50 per cent of the area, and can retain the remainder for a second term.

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**BOMBAY:** Share prices retreated from a firm start to close mixed after rumours of a payment default on the Calcutta Stock Exchange undermined sentiment.

**FRANKFURT:** Leading shares ended mixed but off their early lows as prices rallied in the final half-hour on demand for Volkswagen and a few blue chips.

**SYDNEY:** Aug. 7. (Reuters) Shares closed higher for the sixth consecutive day as positive sentiment continued to buoy the market. The All Ordinaries index closed nine points higher at 1,680.0, a post-crash high.

**TOKYO:** Share prices closed broadly lower on the yen's

depreciation, with declines exaggerated by thin trading due to the absence of many big players for summer vacations. The Nikkei index lost 111.61 points to close at 34,630.38.

**HONG KONG:** Hong Kong's Hang Seng index dropped 15.3 to 2,563.77 in the absence of

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## America imports more oil from Gulf

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7. (KUNA) Although the US strategic petroleum reserve (SPR) grows daily by 60,000 barrels, the protection it is meant to provide against future oil shortages is shrinking, an analysis warned.

And it noted in the 1990s more and more oil will come from the Arabian Gulf.

In citing statistics of the Department of Energy (DOE), the private American Petroleum Institute and other experts, the New York Times Sunday pointed out that America's dependence of foreign oil has increased rather than decreased as previously hoped.

When the SPR started being filled in 1978, imports were 40 per cent of American oil consumption. This year they will be close to 50 per cent, experts said.

"More troubling, from the standpoint of national security," the analysis said, "is that more oil is coming from the Gulf."

The Gulf countries accounted for 22.4 per cent of oil imports in the first four months of 1989, up from less than 18 per cent a year earlier.

Specialists believe future increases will almost all be met from the Gulf. Moreover, they noted more than two-thirds of OPEC production increase since 1985 has gone to meet demand in the US.

Initially, the reserves, located in old salt mines in Louisiana and Texas, were intended to provide 90 days' worth of petroleum in the event of an emergency cutoff. In 1985 the SPR contained about 490 million gallons of oil.

But at the rate the US is using oil there is now enough only for about 80 days, according to estimates.

Another factor in the SPR shortfall is the growing unwillingness of Americans to drive less and use less gasoline.

In the wake of the 1973 Arab oil embargo Americans did drive less for a few years, but now they apparently believe the "oil glut" will last indefinitely and have changed their driving habits accordingly.

Also making foreign oil more important is the decline in the American oil industry, experts pointed out.

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Founded in late 1983, its first store opened in March 1984. Four years later Egghead stores numbered 112, and the company now operates 204 outlets around

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## Gold softens Dollar firmer

LONDON, Aug. 7. (Reuters) The dollar, kept buoyant by hopes that the US economy is veering away from the danger of recession, bobbed around aimlessly on becalmed European markets today before closing slightly higher.

Dealers said trading was thin and featureless and any rise in the US currency would be limited as the American economy remains relatively weak.

"The dollar doesn't know where it wants to go now," one trader in Frankfurt said. The dollar bounced back above 1.90 West German marks following good US employment figures on Friday, wiping out declines of the previous two weeks.

The better than expected data indicated that the slowdown of the American economy was being brought under control. But they also suggested that the US Federal Reserve was in no hurry to ease American interest rates again, action which would drive investors away from dollar-bearing assets.

"The dollar is back near the 140 yen level, which does not bode well for this market," said Gregory Bundy, head of trading at Merrill Lynch Japan. The key 225-share Nikkei index lost 111.61 points, or 0.32 per cent, to close at 34,630.38. It had slipped 37.82 on Friday.

Gold dropped \$5.45 an ounce to close at 365.50, its lowest for almost two months.

## More pay sought

ANKARA, Aug. 7. (Reuters) About 4,000 Turkish journalists and technical staff on major newspapers and wire services began a nationwide go-slow today to back demands for a pay rise, a union official said.

"Our members will strictly observe office hours and refuse to work late to finish work," Turkish Journalists' Union official Mehmet Aydin told Reuters. The union's demand for an additional gross salary hike of 250,000 lira (\$116) a month to offset inflation which hit 72.4 per cent at end-July, was refused by a union representing newspaper and news agency managements, he said.

A newspaper reporter with five years seniority earns a maximum monthly wage of 500,000 lira (\$230), under contracts signed last year and still valid, he said.

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# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1989

## LONDON (Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	INCHCAPE	292.0
ABBEY MAT	143.0	JAGUAR	397.0
ADT LTD	201.0	KINGFISHER	388.0
ALD LYONS	520.0	LADROCKE	336.0
AMSTRAD	72.0	LAND SECS	602.0
ARGVLL GP	42.00	LAPORTE	491.0
ASDA GP	200.0	LASMO	512.0
BAA	370.0	LEGAL-GEN	356.0
BAT INDS	845.0	LLYODS BK	380.0
BARCLAYS	515.0	LOHND	287.0
BASS	090.0	LUCAS IND	691.0
BEAZER	185.0	MAGNET	302.0
BERISFORD	157.0	MARKS+SP	220.0
BET ORD	308.0	MAXWELL C	198.0
BICE PLC	552.0	MECCA LEI	167.5
BLISS ARROW	108.0	NAT WEST	326.0
BLUE CIRC	270.0	PEARSON	772.0
BOC GP	523.0	PILKINGTON	238.0
BOOTS CO	300.0	PLESSEY	268.0
BPB INDS	255.0	RACAL ELC	374.0
BR COM	183.0	RACAL TEL	374.0
BR AIRWAY	199.0	RANK HVS	457.0
BR AEROSP	716.0	RANK ORG	980.0
BR GAS RG	209.0	RECKITT-CO	185.0
BR LAND	381.0	REDLAND	583.0
B.P.	299.0	REED	443.0
BR STEEL	75.00	RHC GRP	735.0
BR TELCOM	254.0	REUTERS	935.0
BUNZL	157.0	RIZ CORP	547.0
BURMAN OL	633.0	ROLLS ROY	186.0
BURTON	262.0	ROTHMAN	623.0
CABLESWIR	535.0	ROYAL INS	437.0
CADBURYS	439.0	SATCHEL	319.0
CALOR GRP	428.0	SAINSBURY	285.0
CARLTON	836.0	SEARS	136.0
CRITN R.T	826.0	SEDEGWICK	250.0
COOKSONS	372.0	SHELL	436.0
COURTAULD	366.0	SIEBE	527.0
DALGETY	17.58	SLOUGH ES	352.0
DIXONS	166.0	SMITH INP	311.0
ENG CHINA	477.0	SMITH+NEP	136.5
ENTER OIL	607.0	STC	371.0
FKI BACK	87.00	STOREHSE	147.0
FERRANTI	13.00	SUN ALLIA	299.0
FISONS	357.0	SUN LIFE	060.0
GATEWAY	229.0	TAMAC	308.0
GEN ACCID	052.0	TATE&L	290.0
GEN ELEC	277.0	TATE&L	303.0
GLAXO	520.0	TI GROUP	471.0
GRANADA	373.0	TGF HSE	382.0
GLOBE	195.5	TSE	110.0
GLYNED	306.0	T+N	249.0
GUARD RYL	224.0	TRUSTEE	347.0
GNL	445.0	ULTRAMAR	340.0
GUINNESS	580.0	UNLEVER	648.0
HUMPHREY	797.0	UTO WUPR	485.0
HANSON	233.0	WELLCOM	360.0
HARRISON C	167.0	WHITRD IN	372.0
HUKER SID	730.0	WILLIAMS	275.0
HILLSMOON	292.0	WILLIS FB	217.0
		WIMPEY GE	274.0

## LONDON (Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	018.0	017.0
A.AMER IS	482.0	483.0
A.B.ELECT	382.0	385.0
A.S.U.HLD	270.0	270.0
AAB KENT	133.0	132.0
AAR HLD	403.0	403.0
AARONSON	89.0	88.0
ADDISON	41.5	40.5
ADVEST	211.0	211.0
ALEX WRK	217.0	216.0
ALEXON	399.0	400.0
ALLD COLL	168.0	169.0
ALLD I B	177.0	178.0
ALLD LON	151.0	151.0
ALLD PART	76.4	77.0
ALLD TEXT	382.0	381.0
AMBER DAY	70.0	70.0
AMEC	456.0	456.0
AMER TST	163.0	163.0
AMERSHAM	464.0	464.0
AMT HLTHC	427.0	427.0
ANGLIA SC	172.0	172.0
ANGLIA TV	308.0	309.0
ANSCHER	76.0	76.0
APPLYARD	163.0	164.0
APV PLC	151.0	151.0
ASHLEY LA	98.0	98.0
ATTWOODS	492.0	493.0
AUST REED	408.0	408.0
AUTO SECS	269.0	268.0
AVESCO	153.0	153.0
AVIS EUR	574.0	567.0
AVON RUBB	564.0	563.0
B.WEMILL	280.0	280.0
BAILL JAP	573.0	573.0
BAILL SHI	99.4	99.0
BAIRD (W)	233.0	233.0
BANK IR	247.0	248.0
BANKER IT	95.0	96.0
BARON GP	201.0	201.0
BARR DEV	181.0	181.0
BAYNES C	35.0	35.0
BBA GROUP	211.0	211.0
BEAR BRND	13.4	13.4
BEATTIE J	145.0	145.0
BELHAVEN	53.0	56.0
BELLWAY	203.0	203.0
BEMROSE	245.0	245.0
BENLOX HD	63.0	63.0
BERKELEY	197.0	195.0
BHM GROUP	144.0	144.0
BK OF SC	107.0	108.0
BLACK LE	9.0	9.0
BM GROUP	535.0	538.0
BNK IR HW	247.0	248.0
BUNNETT F	98.0	98.0
BOOSE NA	360.0	363.0
BODDINGIN	182.0	183.0
BODY SHOP	432.0	431.0
BOOT HENR	514.0	513.0

## World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1957.0	1940.8	1940.8	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	320.58	12.74	2.53	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	191.07	1184.92	1176.27	926.59
FT GOV SEC	86.87	86.87	86.87	87.30
FT GOLD MN	202.40	202.90	199.90	161.9
FT MINES F	707.88	700.89	692.19	653.25
FT OIL	2197.3	2180.2	2154.5	1725.4
FT WLD DLT	153.05	154.94	154.94	139.21
FT WLD STG	140.50	139.73	138.84	123.81
FT WLD LOC	144.26	144.32	144.27	115.30

## London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS STAY FIRM IN CAUTIOUS AFTERNOON TRADE  
LONDON, AUG 7, REUTER - SHARE PRICES REMAINED FIRM IN FAIRLY TERM DIRECTION AFTER ITS RECENT STRONG GAINS.  
ONE TRADER SAID, "I CAN'T SEE MUCH THAT I FEEL IS REALLY GOOD VALUE. WHEN IT GETS TO THE POINT WHERE THERE'S NOTHING TO RECOMMEND, YOU KNOW THE MARKET IS JUST ABOUT TO MAKE A MOVE."  
ANOTHER SAID, "THE MARKET IS LACKING BASIC INTEREST."  
WALL STREET SURRENDERED EARLY GAINS, MADE AFTER NEWS OF A BID FOR AIRLINE UAL, ON PROGRAM SELLING.  
AT 1501 GMT THE FTSE INDEX WAS 6.8 POINTS HIGHER AT 2,334.3.  
DEALERS SAID FINAL JUNE U.K. RETAIL SALES DATA, SHOWING A 2.3 PCT FALL, WAS LARGER THAN FORECAST BUT HAD LITTLE IMPACT. THE FIGURE WAS REVISSED DOWN FROM THE PROVISIONAL 1.8 PCT FALL.  
NEWS THE LATEST CONFEDERATION OF BRITISH INDUSTRY REPORT SUGGESTED THE U.K. ECONOMY IS STILL ON COURSE FOR A SOFT LANDING. SIMILARLY SPARKED LITTLE BUYING INTEREST. DEALERS SAID THEY REMAIN WARY THERE COULD BE SOME DEGREE OF RECESSION HERE IF THE CURRENT STRONG WAGE ROUND RESULTS IN HIGHER U.K. BASE RATES.  
ASDA WAS UP 8P HIGHER AT 199 ON SPECULATIVE DEMAND. DEALERS SAID THERE WAS NO CLEAR STORY ON ASDA BUT THAT THE WEEKEND PRESS HAD MENTIONED THE STOCK AS A POSSIBLE TAKEOVER TARGET.

## London Gold

LONDON, AUG 7, REUTER - GOLD BULLION CLOSED JUST ABOVE AN EARLIER SEVEN WEEK LOW AND COULD BE SET TO FALL FURTHER LATER IN THE WEEK.  
THE METAL FINISHED AT 365.25/365.75 DLRS, 50 CENTS OFF ITS LOW AND WELL DOWN FROM FRIDAY'S CLOSING RANGE OF 370.70/371.20 DLRS. SOME SUPPORT IS SEEN AT 363.00 DLRS BUT OVERALL GOLD SEEMS TO BE SET ON A DOWNWARD PATH.  
DEALERS SAID CONCERN ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST HOSTAGE CRISIS HAD AT LEAST TEMPORARILY DIED DOWN AND THERE NOW APPEARS TO BE LITTLE TO HALT A DOWNWARD MOVE, PARTICULARLY WITH THE DOLLAR EXPECTED TO RESUME ITS UPWARD TREND AS THE WEEK PROGRESSES.

## London Money Market

LONDON, AUG 7, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES REMAINED FIRMER IN LATE TRADING BUT WERE BELOW THEIR EARLIER HIGHS AS STERLING IMPROVED ON THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE TO CLOSE JUST 0.3 POINTS LOWER AT 91.6 AFTER TOUCHING A LOW OF 91.2 THIS MORNING.  
RATES WERE UNMOVED BY A SHARP DOWNWARD REVISION TO THE LEVEL OF U.K. RETAIL SALES IN JUNE WHICH DEALERS SAID MERELY CONFIRMED WHAT THEY ALREADY KNEW - THAT THE BRITISH ECONOMY IS SLOWING DOWN. THE FINAL SALES FIGURES SHOWED A DROP OF 2.3 PCT AFTER A PROVISIONAL FALL OF 1.8 PCT.  
"WE ALL KNOW THAT THINGS ARE SLOWING DOWN," SAID ONE TRADER, "BUT NOBODY IS VERY SURE WHEN RATES WILL BE CUT."

## Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPEN
1.6035/45	1.6015/25	1.9125/33	6.4740/70	NOON
DMK 1.9094/9174	3.062/076	3.0660/95	29.46/62	FIX
FFR 6.4695/4815	10.377/395	338.17/81	25.46/48	FIX
SFR 1.6490/6500	2.6433/6466	86.16/26	33.32	NOON
HFL 2.1580	3.4615	112.78	7.02052	FIX
ECU	.675565	2.07395	8.14520	CLSE
SDR 1.28180	0.783976	2.40427		CLSE
YEN 139.9/140.02	224.34/64			NOON
SDR RATE	04/08/1989	OTHERS	07/08/1989	

BORTHWICK	42/0	42/0	HEPWORTH	310/0	310/0	RENTOKIL	391/0	391/0
BR ARROW	127/0	126/0	HESAIR	232/0	232/0	ROBINSON	474/0	475/0
BR ASSETS	84/4	85/0	HEYWOOD W	290/0	290/0	ROCKFORT	89/0	91/0
BR DREDGI	170/0	170/0	NICKSON I	274/0	273/0	ROSEHANG	664/0	663/0
BR VITA	296/0	295/0	HIGGS HIL	334/0	332/0	ROTHSCOLD	218/0	219/0
BRENT CHE	159/0	159/0	HMBRO CTY	45/0	46/0	ROTORIK	174/0	174/0
BRENT WKR	394/0	394/0	HMBRO 20P	209/0	210/0	RUGBY GRP	195/0	196/0
BRIDON	204/0	204/0	HNTX SPHR	157/0	158/0	RUIZ INTL	94/0	94/0
BRITAIN SE	182/0	181/0	HOLMES PR	88/0	88/0	SAGA GRP	300/0	300/0
BRITANNIC	463/0	464/0	HOMDEN GP	165/0	165/0	SALT TLNY	225/0	225/0
BRITONEX	230/4	229/0	HOPKINSON	79/0	78/0	SALVENSE	155/0	155/0
BRN & JAC	43/4	44/0	HROY.OGGS	153/0	154/0	SAVILLE G	70/0	71/0
BROWN SHI	350/0	350/0	HTV GROUP	109/0	108/0	SAVOT 'A'	865/0	865/0
BRYANT GP	107/0	107/0	ICE.FZ.FD	365/0	365/0	SCOT I.T.	164/0	164/0
BSC INTL	80/4	81/0	IMRY M.DV	635/0	630/0	SCOT NET	165/0	166/0
BUDGENS	120/0	120/0	INDPNT W	15/0	15/0	SCOT MORT	137/0	137/0
BULLDOUGH	147/0	147/0	INDPNT PLC	36/0	36/0	SCOT.AM.I	119/0	119/0
BULMER NP	179/0	180/0	INT.BU.CM	144/0	143/0	SCOT.EA.I	178/0	178/0
CAIRD GRP	576/0	575/0	INT.CITY	52/4	51/0	SCOT.HAT C	65/0	65/0
CALEDONIA	389/0	389/0	JHNSNFR	59/0	59/0	SCOT HAT I	94/0	94/0
CAMB ELEC	216/0	216/0	JOS HDGS	162/0	162/0	SCOT HAT W	19/0	19/0
CANFORD E	290/0	290/0	KALAMAZOO	32/0	32/0	SELCTV 1P	15/0	15/0
CANNING W	285/0	284/0	KALON GRP	38/4	38/4	SENA GRP	335/0	337/0
CANNON ST	236/0	236/0	KELT ENGY	57/0	57/0	SOUND DIF	22/0	22/0
CAP.RADIO	847/0	854/0	KETSON	14/4	14/4	SPRING RAN	106/0	107/0
CARADON	346/0	346/0	KLMRT CHR	157/4	158/0	SPRX-SARC	249/0	249/0
CARLCO EN	140/0	140/0	KLMRT O'S	167/4	169/0	ST.ANDREW	238/0	238/0
CATTLE HD	72/0	72/0	KLMRT SKL	193/0	193/0	ST.MOUEEN	44/4	44/4
CAULDON	12/0	12/0	KWIK SAVE	546/0	545/0	STAKIS	109/0	110/0
CEINTL ITV	815/0	813/0	KWIK-FIT	112/0	113/0	STEETLEY	444/0	444/0
CHAM PHRR	209/0	208/0	LAING OR	310/0	311/0	STEND PR	244/0	244/0
CHLORIDE	39/0	39/0	LAING OR	320/0	321/0	STOODARD	44/0	44/0
CHRISTIES	298/0	298/0	LAING PRP	529/0	528/0	STORNGIAR	267/0	267/0
CI GROUP	50/0	50/0	LAIRD GRP	270/0	271/0	STGE HD	267/0	267/0
CLAYFORD	304/0	307/0	LAWRENCE W	136/0	135/0	STIG.IE.EU	172/0	173/0
CNTRL SEC	57/4	57/4	LBN & MET	176/0	175/0	TELEMETRX	45/0	45/0
CNTRY OIL	149/0	148/0	LBN ATLAN	79/0	79/0	TEMPLE BA	279/0	278/0
COALITE	476/0	478/0	LBN INTL	244/0	245/0	THAMES TV	555/0	552/0
COATES BR	280/0	280/0	LBN EDT	60/0	60/0	THORNTONS	143/0	143/0
COLOROLL	136/0	136/0	LBNEDIN	150/0	151/0	THROGHTN	89/4	90/0
CONNELLS	205/0	205/0	LEISURE I	83/0	83/0	TIE RACK	75/0	75/0
COOPER F	186/0	186/0	LEP GROUP	175/0	175/0	TILBURY	658/0	652/0
COSTAIN	322/0	321/0	LFX SERV	376/0	361/0	TIME PROO	204/0	203/0
COURTS FR	197/0	195/0	LIFE SCIE	85/0	85/0	TIPPHOCK	473/0	475/0
COVIE (T)	134/0	134/0	LITLEY	67.5	67.0	TOMKINS T	278/0	278/0
CRH	218/0	219/0	LIT	118/0	118/0	TOTAL	122/0	122/0
CRODA INT	250/4	251/0	LLOYD TST	220/0	220/0	TOZER &M	126/0	126/0
CRYSTALAT	94/0	93/0	LOGICA	350/0	349/0	TR CITY	100/0	100/0
CTRY PROP	226/0	225/0	LOVELL HD	264/0	263/0	TR PACIFIC	86/4	86/4
DARES EST	34/0	34/0	LON (WM)	288/0	288/0	TR PROPT	64/0	64/0
DAVIS GD	178/0	180/0	LONBOMER	212/0	213/0	TR TSKEE	160/0	161/0
DAVY CORP	280/0	281/0	LONDES	30/0	30/0	TRIMCO	34/4	34/4
DANSON GP	135/0	135/0	MGB GRP	341/0	342/0	TRIPLEX	172/0	172/0
DELTA GRP	351/0	352/0	M.C. PACIF	270/0	270/0	TRITON ER	200/0	201/0
DEVENISH	331/0	332/0	M.C. PACIF	147/0	148/0	TRSPRT DV	288/0	288/0
DEWHIRST	41/4	42/0	MACARTHY	277/0	275/0	TV SM HD	88/0	88/0
DIPLOMA	203/0	203/0	MACFARLANE	249/0	251/0	TVS ENTER	275/0	277/0
DOBSON PK	102/0	102/0	MAI	103.0	102.0	U-BORLAND	97/0	97/0
DOMPAS GR	378/0	379/0	MAJEDIE	259/0	259/0	U-BRD ST	39/0	39/0
DOWLINGEM	77/0	77/0	MANDERS	221/0	221/0	U-BROADAL	245/0	246/0
DOWTY GRP	268/0	268/0	MARLEY	158/0	159/0	U-CITYVSN	235/0	235/0
DRAYTON FE	456/0	454/0	MATTHEWS	66/0	66/0	U-CLUFF	64/0	65/0
DRAYTON C	566/0	566/0	MCKENRIE	96/0	96/0	U-DEANGS	203/0	203/0
DRAX	559/0	561/0	MCKENRIE	334/0	334/0	U-DEWEY W	110/0	110/0
DUNDEE LD	324/0	324/0	MECC	229/0	230/0	U-DEWHAM	48/0	48/0
DUNHILL	379/0	380/0	MENCON TST	198/0	199/0	U-EXEMAR	94/0	94/0
EAGLE TST	17/4	17/0	MERLIN IN	68/0	69/0	U-FLOED E	26/2	26/0
EDIN I.T.	210/0	210/0	METAL CLS	177/0	178/0	U-FRD SEL	163/0	162/0
EDMOND HD	38/2	38/4	METALX	95/0	96/0	U-HND PT	224/0	225/0
ELECTRA	312/4	313/0	MEYER INT	404/0	405/0	U-HUGH HT	176/0	176/0
ELECTROCH	204/0	205/0	MIDSUMMER	229/0	229/0	U-HUGHES	42/0	42/0
ENAP	263/0	265/0	MNT CHLT	87/0	87/0	U-ISRAEL	21/0	21/0
EMESS	136/0	136/0	MOLINS	216/0	212/0	U-KUNICK	67/4	67/0
ENPREF ST	181/0	181/0	MONKS IT	301/0	300/0	U-LDN FRF	116/0	117/0
ENG. INT. J	306/0	306/0	MORGAN CR	284/0	284/0	U-MICROVR	38/0	38/0
ETAM	216/0	217/0	MORGAN CF	320/0	319/0	U-MOLINAR	32/0	32/0
EURO.HOME	198/0	197/0	MORTLEIGH	174/0	175/0	U-MONMNT	29/0	29/0
EUROSTOCK	337/0	337/0	MOWLEN J	416/0	417/0	U-MRRYDVN	430/0	430/0
EURLTAL UT	864/0	868/0	MRY INTL	232/0	233/0	U-N.SE&G	40/0/0	40/0/0
EURLTAL VT	68/4	68/0	MS INTL	155/0	156/0	U-PAYION	4/4	4/4
EVODE GRP	172/0	173/0	MS BRIT CA	4		U-RENDSUT	315.0	315.0
EX.CO.LOU	268/0	269/0	M.BRIT CA	423/0	423/0	U-SAC INT	123/0	123/0
EXPANET	227/0	227/0	NEAT.TELCN	95/0	95/0	U-STH BPO	502/0	500/0
F&C ENTER	35/4	35/4	NELWATHIL	300/0	250.0	U-STHOPE	223/0	223/0
F&C EUROF	358/0	358/0	NORCROS	302/0	302/0	U-TRMD W	26.00	26.00
F&C PACIF	199/0	199/0	NORFOLK C	36/6	36/0	U-TRMOOD	54/4	54/4
F&C SMILLR	89/0	89/0	NORTHMAN	63/0	63/0	U-UT AM	207/0	206/0
FARNELL E	152/0	152/0	NORTHAMR	237/0	237/0	U-UTC GRP	194/0	195/0
FED.HOUSH	150/0	150/0	NORTH OPK	167/0	166/0	U-UMS LEI	28/4	29/0
FENNER JH	179/0	179/0	NSM PLC	120/0	120/0	U-WYKO GP	97/0	98/0
FERGUSON	278/0	278/0	NURD&PCO	182/0	182/0	UK PAPER	289/0	290/0
FINE ARTS	279/0	278/0	O'SEAS IT	245/0	245/0	UNION DTS	540/0	543/0
FINLAY GP	84/0	84/0	OCEAN TPT	365/0	365/0	UNITECH	345/0	345/0
FINLIN J	116/0	116/0	OCEANS	29/0	29/0	UTD.WINDU	66/0	67/0
FITCH LOU	275/0	275/0	OCEANICS	235/0	235/0	UTD.SCIEN	133/0	134/0
FLM.H.HNC	110/0	111/0	OKOROKO	76/0	76/0	UTG GRP	326/0	325/0
FLM.FLW	70/0	70/0	OWNERS AB	276/0	276/0	VERSOP	41/0	41/0
FLMG ENT	151/0	151/0	OXFORD INS	274/0	274/0	VG INSTNT	368/0	368/0
FLMG F.E	248/0	248/0	P & O VTS	121/0	121/0	VICKERS	230/0	230/0
FLMG JAPN	260/0	261/0	P & P PLC	217/0	218/0	VPI GROUP	110/0	110/0
FLMG OSEA	204/0	204/0	PACIFIC A	247/4	246/0	WADDINGTON	198/0	198/0
FLMG TECH	197/0	197/0	PAGE (M)	56/0	56/0	WAGON HDG	371/0	372/0
FRNDLY HO	281/0	281/0	PENTLAND	117/0	118/0	WARD HLOS	89/0	90/0
FRGROHNE	540/0	540/0	PENTOS PLC	115/0	115/0	WARDLE ST	351/0	355/0
GALLIFORD	95/0	96/0	PERGAMON	61/0	60/0	WATERFD O	72/0	72/0
GARDINER	56/0	56/0	PERRY GRP	204/0	205/0	WATERFD O	72/0	72/0
GEEST	305/0	305/0	PERSONIM	146/0	146/0	WATES CTY	194/0	194/0
GREEN KNL	528/0	530/0	PERSHOX	78/0	79/0	WATTS B&B	375/0	375/0
GREENEING W	348/0	347/0	PICKWICK	231/0	231/0	WCBS GRP	319/0	320/0
GREYCOAT	531/0	532/0	PORTER CH	109/0	109/0	WEIR GRP	319/0	318/0
GRMP TV A	69/0	68/0	PRESTWICH	130.0	127.0	WEMBLEY	112/0	112/0
GRPT PLRTLD	340/0	340/0	PRIEST BA	488/0	488/0	WESTBURY	227/0	228/0
GULINSS MA	147/0	147/0	PROSECQR	203/0	203/0	WESTLAND	135/0	135/0
GVS OR	613/0	625/0	PROD.FOFT	278/0	278/0	WHEWAT	145/0	145/0
GUJTS ORIE	405/0	405/0	PROF.FIHL	335/0	337/0	WHITCROF	319/0	319/0
GUJY STRA	299/0	300/0	RINE IND	96/4	99/0	WILSON BON	217/0	217/0
HALVA DTS	230/0	230/0	RANSONES	203/0	202/0	WOLSELEY	148/0	148/0
HAMMERSO	280/0	280/0	RATNERS	259/0	259/0	WOLVEDD	449/0	450/0
HAMPTON LE	66/4	66/4	RECH O&N	67/0	68/0	WPP GRP	608/0	705/0
HAZELWOOD	267/0	268/0	REFUGE GP	514/0	515/0	WEST MORT	635/0	637/0
HEATHL(CE)	455/0	454/0	REGALTON	109/0	110/0	Y&S&VALO	344.0	346.0
HELENE PL	32/0	32/4	REGINTAR	76/0	76/0	YORK CHEM	383/0	383/0
HELICAL B	347/0	347/0	RENOLD	102/4	102/4	YOUNG (H)	123/0	123/0



International Bond Highlights

**WASHINGTON:** The US Treasury said it will proceed with the auctions of 3-year and 10-year notes and 30-year bonds planned for this week since Congress increased the nation's debt ceiling. The 3-year notes will be auctioned August 8, the 10-year notes will be auctioned on August 9, while the 30-year bonds will be sold on August 10.

**Tokyo:** Japanese investors should be tight bidders at this week's US treasury refunding in the wake of sudden changes in the interest rate and currency pictures, bond managers told Reuters.

**London:** Agricultural Mortgage Corporation PLC is issuing a 150 min stg Eurobond due August 30, 1994 paying 11-1/2 pct and priced at 101.95 pct, lead manager Paribas Capital Markets said.

**London:** Deutsche Bank Finance NV has increased its 11 pct Eurobond due January 18, 1994 launched earlier today to 100 min stg from 75 min, lead manager Baring Brothers Ltd said. The deal, guaranteed by Deutsche Bank AG, is fully fungible with tranches issued in January and June. The total outstanding on the issue is now 225 min stg.

**Zurich:** Japan's Furuno Electric Co Ltd is issuing 100 min Swiss francs in five-year warrant notes with a fixed 2-7/8 pct coupon and priced at par, lead manager Citicorp Investment Bank (Switzerland) said.

BOMBAY

	PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GNFC	30.50	31	30	NAT ORG	--	--	--
ACC	246	253	264	GRASIM	113	111.50	109.25	NIIPON	40	40	40
ALLEN CHEN	---	---	---	GSFC	160	157.50	160	NOCTIL	960	955	950
ALM NIS	---	---	---	GUJ LKIL	68.50	67.25	68	ORRAY	14.50	15	14.25
ARTI FAB	---	---	---	GUJ HEAVY	10.50	9.50	10.50	OSMAL AGRO	74	72.50	71
ASHOK LEY	62.50	60	65	HERO HONDA	19	19	19	PEICO	18	18	18.50
ASIA PAINT	195.75	190	192.50	HIND CIBA	795	800	790	PFIZER	61	60	61
ATLAS COP	35	33	33	HIND COCOA	110	111.25	110.50	PONDS	160	161.25	158
AUTO CORP	65	65	63	HIND LECO	91.50	91	91.50	PREN AUTO	52	52	52
BAJAJ AUTO	315	332.50	318.75	HIND MOTOR	31.25	31.50	30.25	RANBAXY	75	72.50	75
BAR RAYON	525	527.50	525	HINDALCO	252.50	248.75	252.75	RAY MOOL	83	82.50	84
BK BOMB	80	78	79	HINDUST	730	730	730	RECKITT	180	177.50	175
BK PLAST	---	---	---	HIND ORG	37.25	36.75	37.50	RELANCE	110.50	115.50	115
BOM DYE	117.50	120	118.50	HIND RAYON	267.50	267.50	263.75	SHAI WALL	38	37	36
BSE INDEX	716.80	719.61	719.61	INDRROLL	380	380	385	SURE CEN	---	---	---
BURR MEL	187.50	180	187.50	INGERSOLL	112	110	109	SURI FIB	78	74	76
CANSHARE	---	---	---	ITC	74.50	74	74	SIEMENS	67	65	67
CEN ENKA	2725	2725	2715	KJ SYN	135	137.50	137.50	SKF	1180	1200	1170
CEN SPG	1950	1950	1945	KIN ENGG	59	60	61.25	SPIC	46.50	47	43
COLGATE	307.50	307.50	305	KIR CUMM	370	360	370	ST MILLS	325	325	327.5
CROMPT GR	1275	1250	1150	KSB PUMPS	114	114	110.50	TATA CHEM	118	117	115
DDM	11.50	10.50	11.50	L AND T	69	70	66	TATA OIL	70	68.75	70
DEEP FEET	28	27.50	28	LIPTON	108	108.75	106.25	TATA POM	347.50	347.50	337.5
DUNLOP	78	76	78	MAC RUSSEL	102	97	100	TELCO	997.50	1001	996.2
EI HOTELS	58	57	58	NAC COATS	88.75	90	88	TERAGRO	---	---	---
ESCORTS	66.50	66	66	MAHINDRA	15.65	15.50	15.25	TISCO	1285	1282	1266
ESKAYEEF	116.25	116.25	113.75	MAS SHARE	600	605	600	UNION ORG	158.75	160	152.50
ESKAYEEF	25.50	25.50	25.50	MICO	190	190	190	VARELI	22.50	22.50	21.75
FOOD SPG	160	158.75	158	MILKFOOD	342.50	340	332.50	VIMCO	16	15.75	15.50
FORBES	48	46.25	48	MOTI	125	125	125	ZENITH	54	50	52
GAR POLY	66.50	67	66.50	MRF LTD	369.21	369.20	369.20	ZIARI AGRO	69	68	69
GE SHIPPING	38.50	38.25	38.35	MUK IRON	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
GLINDIA	85	85	84	NAT INDEX	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
AEG	224.5	226.5
ALLIANZ VR	217.0	218.0
BADENWERK	231.0	229.5
BASF	301.0	301.5
BAYER	318.9	319.0
BAYER HYP	421.0	427.0
BAYER VER	401.0	406.0
BBC	471.0	462.0
BHF	460.0	461.0
BHW	590.0	597.0
COMMERZB	259.7	262.0
CONTI GUMM	354.5	316.0
DAIMER BEN	811.0	800.0
DEUTSCH BAK	674.0	677.5
DLV	549.0	545.0
DRESNER E	364.0	365.0
DT BARCOCK	201.5	199.0
FAZ	653.45	653.60
FELDMUEHL	391.0	391.0
GOLDSCHEID	427.0	428.5
HANPENER	453.0	455.5
HOFMEIER AG	305.2	307.1
KOESCH	264.5	265.0
KORTEN	277.0	273.0
HUSSEL HLD	650.0	661.0
KAL I SALZ	218.5	219.0
KARSTADT	597.0	610.0
KAUFRHO	499.0	503.0
KLOECK H	193.0	192.9
KLOECK W	158.0	161.0
LIIDE	775.0	773.0
LUFTHANSA	179.0	178.5
MAN	344.5	340.0
MANHESMAN	244.4	245.0
MERCEDES	638.0	633.0
METALLGES	488.5	485.5
NIXDORF PF	366.5	369.0
NORSK HYD	39.50	39.20
PHILIP KON	574.0	568.0
PORSCHIE	797.5	789.5
PREUSSAG	292.2	295.5
PVA	308.5	308.0
REINMETAL	406.5	408.0
RUE P	332.0	332.5
RNE	267.5	269.3
SALAMANDER	370.0	372.8
SCHERTING	769.9	768.5
SEL	355.2	357.0
SIEMENS	614.0	612.8
THYSEN	234.8	234.6
VARTA	380.0	380.0
VEBA	334.5	334.5
VEW	193.0	196.0
VOLKSWAGEN	456.0	445.6

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
H S INDEX	563.77	579.07
HS BANK	20.70	20.70
HSK EA	14.60	14.50
HENDERSON	5.25	5.15
CATHAY	8.35	8.40
CAVEDO	19	20
CAVENDISH	295	295
HK BANK	5.45	5.40
CHEUNG K	8.00	8.05
HK GAS	17.20	17.60
CHINA L-P	11.90	12.20
HK ELEC	7.65	7.70
DAIRY FARM	7.35	7.30
HK LAND	8.15	8.15
EVERGO IND	2.17	2.22
HK S HOTEL	4.97	5.00
GT EAGLE	0	0
NK TELECOM	4.82	4.87
HANG LUNG	4.72	4.72
HOPEWELL	2.50	2.50
PAUL Y CON	.93	.93
HUTCHINSON	8.30	8.35
STELLUX	2.15	2.20
HYMAN DEV	1.33	1.33
SHK PRO	10.60	10.80
JAR NATH	20.20	20.40
SHIRE A	15.70	15.90
TSH	11.60	11.90
TAI CHEUNG	3.52	3.72
KN BUS	7.50	7.45
TY-B	.94	.96
LAI SUN	132	132
WHARF	8.85	8.95
HANDARIN O	0	0
WINDOR	8.75	8.70
WINDOR	5.90	5.90
WORLD INTL	3.70	3.75
NEW WORLD	9.90	9.95

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
TKO NEW IX	615.48	613.27
CHUGA PRM	1980	1980
AIJIMAOTO	2820	2820
CITIZEN W	1110	1100
AKAI ELEC	750	750
DAICEL	1120	1100
AOKI	1370	1380
DAI NIP TO	995	990
ASAHI GLS	2380	2370
DAI NIP IK	914	911
ASAHI OPT	950	963
DAI NIP PT	2360	2370
BANK TOKYO	1730	1740
DAI NIP SC	1260	1280
BRIDGESTON	1660	1640
DAI NIP KAN	3420	3490
CANON	1760	1740
DAI NIP KAN	2640	2580
DAI NIP KAN	1420	1410
DAI NIP KAN	2330	2280
DAI NIP KAN	2300	2280
DAI NIP KAN	4300	4210
DAI NIP KAN	2110	2110
DAI NIP KAN	17100	16900
DAI NIP KAN	3620	3620
DAI NIP KAN	1090	1090
DAI NIP KAN	4230	4210
DAI NIP KAN	1340	1340
DAI NIP KAN	1910	1900
DAI NIP KAN	2220	2230
DAI NIP KAN	1810	1800
DAI NIP KAN	4750	4800
DAI NIP KAN	1580	1590
DAI NIP KAN	1850	1810
DAI NIP KAN	1590	1590
DAI NIP KAN	1160	1160
DAI NIP KAN	1970	1960
DAI NIP KAN	937	933
DAI NIP KAN	2590	2650
DAI NIP KAN	1960	1950
DAI NIP KAN	1140	1130
DAI NIP KAN	1280	1280
DAI NIP KAN	2470	2510
DAI NIP KAN	1260	1270
DAI NIP KAN	1230	1230
DAI NIP KAN	6450	6450
DAI NIP KAN	0	1150

US Economic Statistics

INFLATION	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	+0.7 PCT	+0.6 PCT	+0.2 PCT	8/18
PRODUCER PRICES	+0.4 PCT	+0.9 PCT	-0.1 PCT	8/11
MOSE TRADE	-8.26 BLN	-10.24 BLN	8/17	
C/A BAL OF PAYMENT	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR	1ST QTR
(8/21)	-30.15 BLN	-29.17 BLN	-32.02 BLN	-27.63 BLN
GDP (1ST REV 8/29)	3RD QTR	4TH QTR	1ST QTR	2ND QTR
GNP DEFATOR	+2.5 PCT	+2.4 PCT	+3.7 PCT	+1.7 PCT
	+5.3 PCT	+4.2 PCT	+4.0 PCT	+4.9 PCT
APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	
LEADING IND	0.6 PCT	-1.3 PCT	-0.1 PCT	9/1
PERSONAL INC	+0.6 PCT	+0.2 PCT	+0.3 PCT	8/30
UNEMPLOYMENT	5.3 PCT	5.2 PCT	5.3 PCT	5.2 PCT
EMPLOYMENT	+117,000	207,000	250,000	+169,000
HOLISTING STARTS	+1,339 MLN	+1,311 MLN	+1,400 MLN	8/16
IND PRODUCTION	+0.6 PCT	-0.1 PCT	-0.2 PCT	8/16
CONSUMER CREDIT	+2.49 BLN	+3.60 BLN	8/7	
RETAIL SALES	+1.0 PCT	+0.1 PCT	-0.4 PCT	8/11
INVENTORIES	+0.8 PCT	+0.7 PCT	8/14	8/14
DURABLE GOODS	+3.2 PCT	-4.4 PCT	-0.3 PCT	8/22
TRADE BALANCES - BILLIONS LOCAL CURRENCY	LATEST MONTH	PREV. MONTH	YEAR AGO	
BELGIUM/LUX	MAR +13.0	+19.5	-0.8	
CANADA	APR +129	+417	+1.10	
FRANCE	JUN -2.8	-6.7 R	-0.9	
ITALY	MAY -2,118	-1,663	-383	
JAPAN-US DLRS	JUN +6.44	+5.06	+7.39	
NETHERLANDS	MAY +1.1	+0.2	+0.7	
SWITZERLAND	JUN -0.979	-1,152	-0.804	
U.K.	JUN -1.49	-1.32	-0.95	
U.S.	APR -8.26	-9.54	-8.80	
W.GERMANY	JUN +13.9	+10.5	+14.2	
CURRENT A/C BALANCE OF PAYMENTS	LATEST QUARTER	PREV. QUARTER	YEAR AGO	
BELGIUM/LUX	Q1 -32.0	+38.0 R	+38.0	
CANADA	Q1 -3.7	-3.9	-4.8	
FRANCE	Q1 +6.5	-21.8 R	-7.9	
JAPAN-US DLRS	Q1 15.76	23.59	18.42	
NETHERLANDS	Q1 -4.78	-3.29	-2.83	
U.K.	Q1 -4.83	-5.58	-2.99	
U.S.	Q1 27.63	32.02	-33.446	
W.GERMANY	Q1 30.46	19.66	16.84	
FIGURES IN BILLIONS OF LOCAL CURRENCY.				

AMMAN

OPNG	CLSE
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	2.54 2.56
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	2.14 2.21
ARAB BANK	214.8 205.0
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	5.68 5.45
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	2.20 2.27
ARAB INSURANCE	1.10 1.11
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	0.62 0.59
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.11 1.16
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	1.28 1.32
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.30 2.25
ARAB PAPER CON/IND	0.47 0.45
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	4.65 4.61
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	2.21 2.10
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65 1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	15.10 15.05
BEIT AL-HAL/BEITNA	1.30 1.25
BELGIUM INSURANCE	0.95 1.00
CATRO AMBANK	29.00 29.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05 1.25
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.34 0.34
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	3.20 3.22
DARCO/INVEST/HOUSE	0.78 0.79
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.75 0.71
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.50 4.50
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39 2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.25 1.25
GENERAL MINING	2.10 2.10
HIMPH MINERALS	0.75 0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44 1.44
IND. HATCH JENDO	1.36 1.36
INDUSTRIAL DEVELP BHK	1.70 1.65
INDUSTRIAL/COMM/AGR.	1.65 1.68
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75 0.75
INTERCON/INV	0.13 0.13
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.81 0.81
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64 0.64
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	2.42 2.49
J. TOUR-SR COMPLEX	0.80 0.80
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26 1.29
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	



## BUSINESS

## Soviet debt at almost \$500b

MOSCOW, Aug 7. (AP): The Soviet government disclosed yesterday its national debt was 312 billion roubles (almost \$500 billion) and growing faster than that of the United States.

The revelation was part of a gloomy economic outlook in a speech by State Planning Committee chairman Yuri Maslyukov.

Maslyukov's speech to the Supreme Soviet, or legislature, was different from previous statements by Soviet economic authorities because he acknowledged some key problems and outlined specific plans to solve them.

The proposals were likely to be taken up by the Supreme Soviet when it considers the 1990 budget in a session scheduled to begin Sept 25.

According to Maslyukov's figures, wages were rising faster than the production of consumer goods, meaning people would have more money to buy the scarce items available, causing more severe shortages. Imports alone cannot solve the problem, he said.

"No foreign uncle is going to solve this problem for us," he said.

"The government debt at the beginning of this year had reached 312 billion roubles, the budget deficit 120 billion roubles (\$192 billion)," Maslyukov said.

The budget deficit figure was up 20 per cent from estimates given six months ago.

The Soviet deficit amounts to 13.8 per cent of its gross national product, the total value of the output of goods and services, while the US deficit has been running at 3-4 per cent of its far larger GNP.

Last November, Finance Minister Boris Gostev for the first time admitted a budget deficit. The figure he gave did not include two-thirds of the deficit, which was hidden by book-keeping tricks.

In his speech Friday, Maslyukov called for an end to such tactics. He proposed issuing government bonds that pay interest to savers to cover the deficit.

Such bonds would sop up some of the public's extra cash, which is now trying to spend on inadequate supplies of consumer goods, Maslyukov said.

The planning chief, a candidate member of the ruling Communist Party Politburo, also promised that virtually all growth in the Soviet economy in 1990 would be dedicated to providing consumer goods.

"We must stop the worsening of the economic situation and social tension," he said. Hundreds of thousands of Soviet miners went on strike in July, largely over shortages of housing and goods such as soap and meat.

In 1990, the government plans for consumer goods production to grow 11 times faster than the heavy industry, he said. Already this year, government investment in factories and machinery has dropped by 30 per cent, he said.

## KD deposit rates ease

KUWAIT, Aug 7. (Reuters): Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates softened in quiet trade today in a market awash with liquidity, dealers said.

They said it appeared funds leftover from last Wednesday's treasury bill issue were just now beginning to affect rates. Banks said demand for the bills had been weak and believe the Central Bank took up much of its own issue.

A three-day weekend delayed the market's reaction to the poor subscription.

Bankers said the market was in the summer doldrums, with many of their main dealers on holiday.

One month fell to 8-3/4 3/8 per cent from 9-1/8 5/8 on Sunday.

Three months was quoted 1/4 point easier on the offer side at 8-7/8 5/8. Six months and one year weakened 1/8 point to nine 8-1/2.

## OBITUARY FRANCISCO ARANJO

Funeral mass will be held at the Holy Family Cathedral at 4pm today.

## Jordan minister to Moscow for debt talks

AMMAN, Aug 7. (Reuters): A Jordanian minister left for Moscow today for talks on rescheduling Amman's debt to the Soviet Union, an official source said.

He said Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Economic Affairs Taher Al Masri would head the Jordanian side in talks with Soviet officials on rescheduling Amman's debt.

A senior Jordanian official told Reuters this week Jordan hoped to reschedule its debt to Moscow on the same terms by which it rescheduled its foreign debt to the Paris Club of major Western creditor nations.

He would not reveal the size of the debt but said a figure \$200 million, most of it said to involve arms sales, reported in an Arabic-language magazine was too high.

The pro-Western kingdom turned to Moscow for arms in 1982, buying missiles and anti-aircraft guns.

Amman signed an air defence

agreement with Moscow in 1985 after Washington blocked a deal for Stinger anti-aircraft missiles.

An official trade delegation will leave for Moscow tomorrow to join Masri for a bi-annual meeting on economic co-operation.

A Western economist said Jordan owed about 13 per cent of its foreign debt of more than \$7 billion to the socialist club and other nations outside the Paris Club.

Jordan won agreement from the Paris Club in July to reschedule official debt over 10 years with five years' grace and will shortly begin talks with the London Club of creditor banks in rescheduling its commercial debt.

Meanwhile, the Jordanian dinar remained firm against the dollar on the free market today following Central Bank intervention to stabilise the domestic currency, dealers said.

They said the dinar was trading at 818 fils to the dollar, unchanged from yesterday but up from Saturday's widely quoted rates of 880 fils. On the black market, the dinar was trading for 860 fils to the US currency.

The Central Bank fixed the official rate at 583, unchanged from Saturday.

Some dealers said Gulf bankers, the main source of dollars for their banks, were still unclear how long the dinar's exchange rate would remain unchanged after the Central Bank began pumping in more than \$25 million for free and official market use.

The dinar was trading at around 818 fils in the Gulf, the dealers added, up from last week's 890 fils.

Yesterday, the Central Bank began selling some of the \$16.5 million it had earmarked for banks at 815 fils. It told banks to sell the dollars to their customers at no

more than 820.

It also began providing another \$10 million to the banks which have been told to sell them at official rate to finance imports of some medicine, fees of Jordanian students studying abroad and subsidised foodstuffs. The move came days after Jordan received \$200 million in aid from Riyadh.

Dealers said the move, an apparent effort to halt a mushrooming black market and stabilise the dinar at a range of 815/820 fils, would succeed so long as the Central Bank continued its intervention.

A week ago, the Central Bank established a two-tier system to curb the black market and encourage Jordanian expatriates to send their dollars home through the banking system.

It freed banks to trade foreign currency at market rates but instructed them to use the official rate to finance key imports.

## Far East investment fund planned

## KIIC to expand operations

LONDON, Aug 7. (KUNA): A specialised British publication has given prominence today to the activities of the Kuwait International Investment Company (KIIC).

KIIC is the smallest of the three big Kuwaiti investment houses, known collectively as KS.

Middle East Economic Digest (MEED) quoted the company chairman, Jassim Al Bahar, as saying that he is planning a significant expansion in overseas business.

Al-Bahar said the Kuwait government has a 30 per cent direct shareholding in KIIC.

The weekly pointed out that Al-Bahar has been the driving force behind the management changes in the company which have occurred since his appointment. Members of his family are also involved in other Kuwaiti financial institutions, including the Kuwait Investment Company, which is chaired by Hamad Mohammad Al Bahar.

Al Bahar says that in five years KIIC will be profitable again and bigger than it is now.

He says the company is seeking overseas acquisitions to complement its existing activities. The company also wants to offer more financial services within Kuwait and the Gulf.

KIIC began moving overseas in 1987, when it launched two ventures in Portugal. Portugal was chosen in an attempt to diversify out of the mainstream Western economies, not solely out of the Gulf.

The October stock market collapse showed that diversification within the Western economies does not safeguard the value of investments.

Soon after the collapse, Imad Moosa, assistant general manager for Research and Planning was arguing that Gulf investors should seek out economies which have different cycles to the econ-

omies of the US, Japan and West Germany.

In Portugal, the company has a joint venture with UK merchant bank SG Warburg and the Portuguese Sonai Group.

This is called EFISA and offers financial services. The company is also co-manager, with Al Ahl Bank of Kuwait, the Kuwaiti-based International Financial Advisers and Kuwait Real Estate Bank, of the Kuwait Portugal Fund.

The founding meeting was held on 31 October 1988. Jassim Al Bahar is the chairman and KIIC has underwritten the \$40 million total fund subscription.

KIIC is arranging more international ventures. It is seeking an investment banking licence in Portugal to offer services with another Gulf company.

The company is also exploring ways of investing in agricultural land in the US mid-west.

It is additionally believed to be holding discussions with a UK merchant bank about new projects.

KIIC plans to set up a Far East investment fund by the end of the year to be organised with another Kuwaiti investment company and France's Banque Indosuez.

The company is also heavily involved in the Europhoenix Fund.

This is an open-ended fund listed on the Luxembourg stock exchange which is 50 per cent owned by Kuwaiti interests and 50 per cent by France's Banque Paribas. In June 1989, the fund stood at FF1,250 million (\$193 million), after recording a return of 33.9 per cent in 1988.

KIIC is planning expansion within the Gulf.

Al Bahar hopes that 25 per cent of its investment portfolio will be from non-Kuwaiti Gulf clients in the next five years.

This will be made easier by legislation now under consideration in Kuwait to allow Kuwaiti

## Kuwait International Investment Company: results, 1986-88

	1988	1987	1986
Total assets, of which:	146.9	156.4	148.4
time deposits	13.1	30.3	12.9
loans	33.8	33.7	40.3
bonds	29.9	20.8	34.3
long term investments	28.2	27.0	24.4
real estate investments	16.1	16.4	16.9
shares in local and foreign companies	17.0	12.6	9.9
Due to banks and other borrowings	97.5	100.8	104.4
Shareholders' equity, of which:	30.9	36.6	36.2
capital	31.9	31.9	31.9
Operating income	6.0	12.2	17.1
Finance cost	7.5	6.6	7.3
General and administrative expenses	2.3	2.1	2.1
Provisions and write-offs	1.0	2.4	3.1
Net profit (loss)	(5.7)	0.4	3.3

## Financial ratios

	1988	1987
Return on average assets	—	0.26
Return on average equity	—	1.10
Equity to assets	21.03	23.40

Exchange rate: \$1 = KD 0.296 (July 1989)

Source: Kuwait International Investment Company, Kuwait

banks and investment companies to place investment funds directly with Kuwaiti banks and firms.

KIIC declared a loss for 1988 of KD5.7 million, compared with a profit in 1987 of KD397,000.

The reversal can be attributed to a loss on investments of KD2 million. In 1987, the company made a profit of KD4.1 million on investments. Nevertheless, operating income remains low. Interest earned in 1988 was

KD5.5 million, slightly down on the previous year. Finance costs stood at KD7.5 million in 1988, a 15 per cent rise on 1987.

After bringing forward profits of KD2.8 million from 1987, the net loss for appropriation in 1988 was KD3.0 million.

This has been taken out of shareholders equity, which now stands at a KD1 million discount to paid-up capital.

Al Bahar says that KIIC is performing better this year than in 1988.

## South Korea threatens to fire teachers

SEOUL, Aug 7. (Reuters): South Korea's Education Ministry has threatened to dismiss 2,173 teachers for refusing to quit a national union banned by the government, a ministry spokesman said today.

He said 560 union organisers had already been dismissed and another 2,173 would lose their jobs unless they renounced union membership within a week.

The defiant teachers, who briefly went on hunger strike last month protesting at laws blocking them from setting up unions, say they want better working conditions and independence from government control.

The ministry, accusing the teachers of trying to imbue students with "leftist revolutionary ideologies," rejected calls for a compromise.

## Iran, India settle dispute

NICOSIA, Aug 7. (Reuters): India yesterday settled a 12-year dispute over a \$250-million debt to Iran and agreed to supply iron ore to Iran for 15 years, Tehran Radio reported.

Iran made the loan to India before the Islamic revolution to equip India's Kudermukh mines and supply the Ahvaz steel mill in southwest Iran with concentrated iron ore.

Tehran Radio, monitored in Nicosia, said repayments with interest would clear the account by 1993 under an agreement signed in Tehran by Indian Finance Ministry Secretary G. K. Arora.

The deal also provided for Kudermukh to supply iron ore to meet part of the needs of the Ahvaz plant for 15 years.

Meanwhile, Iran and China have agreed to a five-fold increase in the value of an industrial agreement signed between the two countries to \$500 million, it was disclosed in Tehran on Wednesday.

A new letter of understanding has been signed in Beijing by Iranian Deputy Heavy Industries Minister Moheesen Mehrizadeh and Zhao Ming, China's Deputy Minister of Machine-Building and Electronics.

## Investment expected to shoot up

DUBAI, Aug 7. (KUNA): Total investments in Dubai's tax-free industrial zone of Jebel Ali are expected to shoot up to \$1 billion in 1990 against only \$660 million currently, according to the zone's chief manager.

Sultan Bin Salim based his forecast of an upsurge in investments by leading international corporations in the Jebel Ali industrial zone of cessation of the Iran-Iraq war.

He pointed out that the zone's management has awarded 51 new project licences since the beginning of this year against 60 for the whole of 1988.

Bin Salim added that 240 companies are now operating in the area employing 7,000 workers and the numbers are expected to rise to 350 companies and 10,000 employees, in the coming two years.

The official noted that industries in the Jebel Ali area do not represent any competition to local industries in the United Arab Emirates, because production from the area is exported to different parts of the world.

## Yen's slide may boost prices

## Japanese economy poised for growth

TOKYO, Aug 7. (UPI): The Japanese economy is estimated to grow a net 5.1 per cent in fiscal 1989, ending next March 31, boosted by brisk capital investment and personal spending, a senior official of the Bank of Japan said today.

"The economy is likely to continue to be energetic at least until next spring," Tatsuya Tamura, director of the Central Bank's Economic Research and Statistics Department, told reporters.

Tamura based his prediction on healthy capital investment and individual consumption.

The government has projected this year's economic growth at 4.0 per cent.

He said the 3.0 per cent sales tax, introduced in April, did not hurt the basically healthy economic condition.

A hike in the official discount rate on May 31 also was successful as it showed the Central Bank's resolute stance to counter inflationary pressure, he said.

The Bank of Japan raised the interest rate on its loans to commercial institutions by 0.73 points to 3.25 per cent, the first hike in about nine years.

Tamura said the yen's current slide against the dollar may boost domestic prices and prevent Japan from reducing its trade surplus. Meanwhile, the Transport Ministry said today it will study ways to increase the speed and frequency of commuter trains to ease the burden of commuters suffering from long commuting times and congestion.

Ministry officials said plans call for boosting the speed of commuter trains to 99 miles per hour (160 kph) from the current 62 mph (100 kph). The fastest commuter train introduced by the East Japan Railway Co. this spring runs at 80.78 mph (130 kph).

Super-Express "bullet trains" run at 162 mph (260 kph). Spiraling land prices in big cities have forced workers to live in distant areas and commute a long way in packed trains during rush hours. The average commuting time is over one hour, according to surveys.

The ministry officials said the study will cover a more powerful acceleration mechanism and stronger brake systems as well as strengthening supporting facilities such as traffic signals, rails and power supply.

They said the ministry plans to request 6 million yen (\$43,000) in the fiscal 1990 budget as the initial cost of the study.

In another development, Arabian Oil Co., a Japanese oil developing firm, said its affiliate in Malaysia, Malaysia Barum Oil Development Co., has succeeded in exploratory drilling for oil in Sarawak, Malaysia.

The company said exploration has been conducted in the Sarawak area since December last year under a contract with Petronas, Malaysia's state-owned oil company.

The size of oil reserves and feasibility of commercial production have yet to be determined, the company said.

Malaysia Barum Oil is a joint venture by a group of Japanese firms, including Arabia Oil's wholly owned subsidiary and Japan National Oil Corp.

Arabia Oil said the contract calls for dividing oil extracted from the oil field between Malaysia Barum and Petronas.

## Bank chief dies

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 7. (Reuters): The Governor of the South African Central Bank, Gerhard de Kock, has died, state-run radio said today. He was 63.

De Kock, known as apartheid's banker, had announced his resignation in June on health grounds. He suffered from cancer.

Chris Stals, South Africa's director-general of finance, the top treasury post, was due to take over as head of the Central Bank on November 1.

Radio South Africa said De Kock died suddenly early today.

The scholarly, urbane De Kock was credited with masterminding a 1987 debt rescheduling pact that offered South Africa an economic lifeline after foreign banks cut off credit lines two years before because of mounting black anti-apartheid unrest.

The bank's decision prompted Pretoria to impose a partial moratorium on repayments of its total \$24-billion foreign debt.

De Kock, who advocated loosening government controls on the economy, was charged with explaining the moratorium to his US and European colleagues, many of whom were friends.

## SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 07/08/1989				
B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.	
1	Bolan	Al Majed	2421439	
2	Rashid	Gh & Q	4347815	
3	Ibn Alnafes	UASC	4843150	
4	Marulic	Algh Barwil	4842988	
5	Nikolay Shchukin	Al Rashed	2422026	
6	Arafat	KSA	4843150	
9	Sparkle Sun	Gh & Q	4347815	
15	Canterbury Star	Al Bader	2433537	
19	Mykonos	ISA	4843150	
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT				
ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.	
7/8	Zarka	Gh & Q	4347815	
7/8	Mawashi Tabur	Livestock	2434177	
7/8	Norashia Arabia	Emad	4841807	
SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT				
B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.	
6	Sally	Algh Barwil	4842988	
9	Oceanus	Algh Barwil	4843988	
12	Dona	RMS	2423642	
VESSELS AT SHUAIBA ANCHORAGE				
	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.	
	Dhonaikulhi	RMS	2423642	
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT				
ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.	
06/8	Y.S. Prosperity	Al Rashed	2422026	
07/8	Marjon	Al Kamal	2425437	
08/8	Al Wattayh	UASC	4843150	
08/8	Baffin Bay	RMS	2423642	
10/8	Liao Yang	M. Bahar	2433881	
13/8	Al Mirqab	UASC	4843150	

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## Hanson wins Cons Gold

\$5.6b cash offer for mining giant

LONDON, Aug 7. (Reuters): British industrial conglomerate Hanson PLC today won control of Consolidated Goldfields with a revised £3.5 billion (\$5.6 billion) cash offer for the London-based mining giant.

Hanson's investment bank, N.M. Rothschild, said it had acceptances representing 57.3 per cent of Cons Gold shares, including 29.6 per cent committed by South African-backed Minerals and Resources Corp after Minorco's own bid for Cons Gold failed earlier this year.

Cons Gold's board recommended acceptance of Lord Hanson's bid after he improved on a June 22 offer of £3.1 billion (\$4.9 billion).

The agreed deal ended a protracted battle for control of the West's second-largest gold mining company.

Minorco's cash-and-shares bid, which could have created the West's biggest mining concern, was denounced by political opponents who saw it as a South African exercise to extend interests abroad.

It finally collapsed in May after a US federal judge dismissed a request by Minorco to lift an injunction blocking its bid for Cons Gold, which lapsed the

following day.

Cons Gold and its 49-per cent owned US associate, Newmont Mining Corp, had filed the anti-trust proceedings in New York the previous October, saying a Minorco takeover of Cons Gold would create a monopoly in the world gold market.

Former Socialist Hanson, 67, became an industrialist with a formidable reputation on both sides of the Atlantic for buying groups and selling their less profitable units to raise funds.

Share analysts believe that he might sell some of Cons Gold's mining interests, possibly attracting bids for some of its divisions from Minorco.

The gold industry has shed much of its glamorous image in recent years. For Hanson, Cons Gold's crown jewel is probably its Amey Roadstone subsidiary which analysts say would fit a lot more easily into his trans-Atlantic business concerns ranging from bricks to batteries.

Cons Gold, founded by British empire-builder Cecil Rhodes, became a takeover target last September when Minorco launched its original bid of £2.9 billion (\$4.6 billion).

## We think the consumer in Japan deserves some breaks: US envoy

TOKYO, Aug 7. When Shigemitsu Ishigaki went to Hong Kong last year, she was knocked over by the prices. Her favourite facelotion was a steal at 2,000 yen (\$13.39) compared with a Tokyo price tag of 7,000 yen (\$46.87). A silk blouse could be had at a 10th of its Tokyo price.

"I was shocked at the cheapness," she says.

So are veritable hordes of Japanese who head by the plane load for shopping trips in Hong Kong. Ms Ishigaki marvelled at long lines of Japanese waiting for as much as two hours to get into the Hong Kong outlet of Louis Vuitton.

Japan has become the world's No. 2 economic power (behind the US), expressed in the sharp escalation of the yen's value in the past three years. But these riches have had little impact on the standard of living of Japan's consumers.





Four young Indian elephants play in the water at London zoo as temperatures in the city continue to soar. Many people gather to watch the elephants while they have their 'play-bath'.

## Let's bake bread

### All about yeast

Yeast is the special ingredient that bakers use to make their bread rise. It is a living plant made up of lots of tiny cells. When yeast is mixed with flour and liquid it makes a gas called carbon dioxide. When the bread is baked the gas bubbles and stretch the bread. This is what makes it rise.

### Making yeast work

WHEN making bread at home we usually use dried yeast. The yeast cells are specially dried so they will keep in the store cupboard. Once they are mixed with a little sugar and warm liquid they come alive and if they are kept warm the cells grow bigger and expand.

### Crocodile bread

You can pull, punch and knead this dough into any shape you like. Try a crocodile or some silly shaped rolls for tea. Here's how to do it...

- Makes 1 crocodile and a selection of rolls
- 1 1/2 tsp dried yeast pinch sugar
- 3/4 pt (400ml) lukewarm water
- 1 1/2 lb (675g) strong white flour
- 2 tsp salt
- 1 oz (25g) margarine
- 1 tsp oil
- 2 currants
- beaten egg for brushing
- Mix yeast, sugar and water in a jug. Leave in a warm.
- Put flour and salt in a big bowl. Rub in margarine.
- Make a well in middle of flour and pour in yeast mixture. Stir together well.
- Sprinkle work surface and your hands with flour and punch and knead dough until it feels smooth and stretchy.
- Put oil in a big polybag. Rub it gently. Put dough in bag and leave in a warm place until it is twice as big.
- Cut dough in half. Use half for crocodile, half for rolls.
- Put crocodile and rolls on two baking sheets. Cover with a tea towel and leave in a warm place for 30 min. Brush dough with beaten egg. Cook at 450°F, 230°C. Gas 8 for 10 min (rolls), 20 min (crocodile) until golden. To check if dough is cooked, tap the bottom, if it sounds hollow it's done.

### To shape crocodile

Roll dough into a long sausage. Using kitchen scissors, cut mouth and prop open with a piece of dough. Snip top with scissors to make scales and snip two legs on either side. Cut teeth. Fix currant eyes with egg.

### ...And Rolls

First divide dough into 8 equal pieces. Pinwheels Roll dough into long sausages and roll up.

Knots Roll dough into short sausages, tie in knots.

Crisscrosses Roll dough into small balls. Snip a cross on top.

Rugby balls Roll dough into ovals, cut along top.

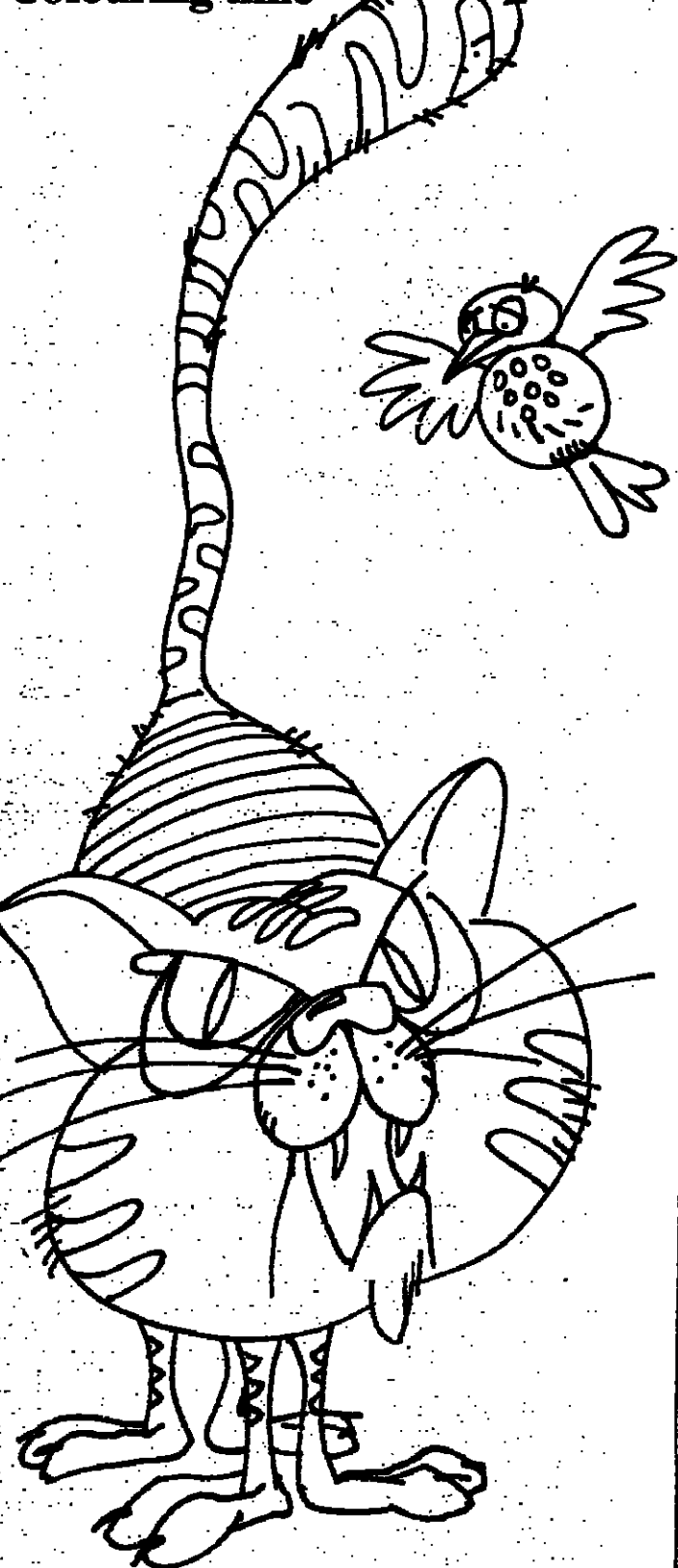
Flowers Roll dough into tiny balls, stick together with water in threes.



### Testing the water

Very hot water will kill yeast so it won't make the gas bubbles. To test the liquid isn't too hot put your finger in it. If it doesn't feel hot or cold we call it blood heat, and that's just the right temperature.

### Colouring time



## Just for laughs!

Passenger: "Excuse me conductor, will you punch my ticket?"

Conductor: "Sorry sir, I've done it so many times today my hand hurts."

This woman went to the doctors. She said, "Doctor, I've got laryngitis."

He said, "Have you? Why aren't you whispering then?"

She said, "Because it's not a secret."

"I've made the chicken soup for lunch today," said big sister proudly to her small brother.

"Thank goodness for that," said the wart, "I thought it was for us."

This woman rushes in. She says to her husband, "Harry, what do you think? The woman next door's got flowers growing out of her bottom." He said, "Sounds like a blooming cheek."

A few minutes later she rushes in again. She says, "I don't believe it. The man next door's got flowers growing out of his bottom."

He said, "That's the blooming end."

At the same time two beds flew over the garden next door. When they'd gone past the little bee said to the big bee, "Hey dad, there's a man and a woman down there with flowers growing out of their bottoms." His dad said, "How do you know that?" He said, "I looked in my rear view mirror."

Then there was this exceedingly stoopid interviewer.

Someone asked him what was the strangest interview he ever did. He said it was the one with Beethoven.

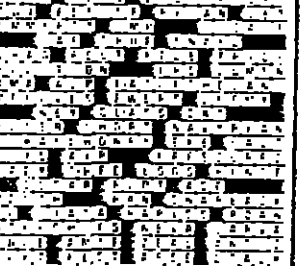
"That can't be right," said the other bloke, Beethoven's been dead for 150 years."

"Oh," said the interviewer. "That's probably why he didn't say anything."

Hear about the man who had three daughters, called Hazel, Coco and Brazil? They were all nuts.

There was this chap on the bus. He said, "Excuse me conductor, do you know if this bus stops at the end of the pier?"

The conductor said, "Yes. Do you?"



Solution to Thursday's crossword

## Happy birthday



Jija Jacob George celebrated his 11th birthday on August 3rd. Many happy returns of the day from mum, dad, aunts and uncles.

Jija goes to the United Indian School and collects stamps and coins.



Shirley Leorena Lucas Vincent celebrated her 8th birthday on August 4. Belated greetings from dad, mum, family and friends.

Shirley goes to the Indian School and enjoys reading, dancing and cycling.



Bassel Ricky Gupta celebrates his 2nd birthday today, August 8. Many happy returns of the day from dad, mum, grandfather, brothers Callin, Vicky, Babu, sister Archita, uncle Sameer and Aunts Nahar and Nandita.



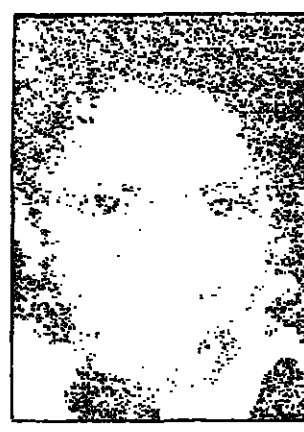
Sam George celebrated his 14th birthday on August 5. Belated greetings from dad, mum, sister, brother and uncle.

Sam goes to the Indian School and enjoys stamp collecting, drawing and singing.



Khurram Mushtaq Abbassi celebrated his 11th birthday on August 6. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends.

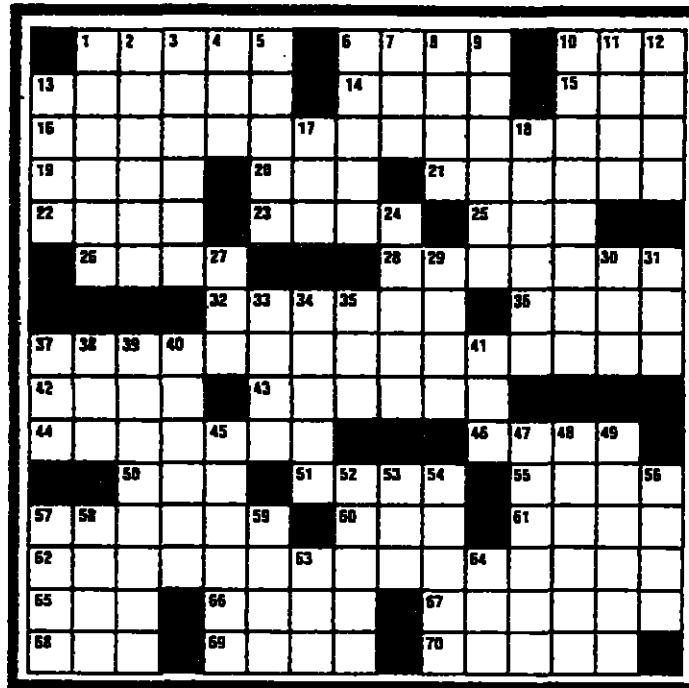
Khurram goes to the International School of Pakistan and enjoys cycling, debating and cricket.



Amira Esa Perwaz celebrated her birthday on August 4. Belated greetings from parents, all sisters and especially brother Amir.

Amira goes to the Indian School and enjoys watching TV and video.

## Crossword



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|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| ACROSS                     | 28 Busy bird             | 60 Former actress   | 27 — Paulo              |
| 1 Rings                    | 32 French physicist      | Munson              | 29 Hitchcock's "Window" |
| 6 Not any                  | 36 Incarnation of Vishnu | 81 Be off!          | 30 Down-under bird      |
| 10 Cartogram               | 37 Suffer!               | 62 Concentrate!     | 31 Informer             |
| 13 Form for                | 42 Ginkgo, for one       | 65 Period           | 33 "the word!"          |
| Wordsworth                 | 43 Company               | 66 Delight          | 34 Looks closely        |
| 14 Word with               | lover                    | 67 — Madra          | 35 Sounds of inquiry    |
| angle or                   | 44 German street         | 68 Danger signal    | 37 Diminutive endings   |
| cast                       | 46 Rams' consorts        | 69 Spirit           | 38 Skill                |
| 15 Wrath                   | 50 Time zone             | 70 Flanders commune | 39 Destructive insects  |
| 16 Land in                 | letters                  |                     | 40 Exuberant            |
| trouble                    | 51 Make an exchange      |                     | 41 Manhattan ingredient |
| 19 Like a                  | 55 Poker offering        |                     | 45 Yes man              |
| wasteland                  | 57 Edible mollusk        |                     | 47 Prodigal             |
| 20 Folding bed             |                          |                     | 48 Program addition     |
| 21 Light                   |                          |                     | 49 Way up or down       |
| 22 Que — (what will be...) |                          |                     | 52 Females              |
| 23 Clues                   |                          |                     | 53 Cuckoo               |
| 25 Southern monogram       |                          |                     | 54 Border flower        |
| Pashas                     |                          |                     | 56 Comics' Miss Kett    |
|                            |                          |                     | 57 Acc'ts.              |
|                            |                          |                     | 58 Novelist             |
|                            |                          |                     | 59 Vold's partner       |
|                            |                          |                     | 63 Cartoonist           |
|                            |                          |                     | 64 Submerge             |

## Word search

### MAKE MUSIC

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- BAGPIPES
- BANJO
- BASS
- BASSOON
- BELL
- BOW
- BRASS
- BUGLE
- CELLO
- CLARINET
- DRUM
- FIFE
- FLUTE
- GONG
- HARMONICA
- HARMONICHOORD
- HARP
- HAUTBOY

- IVORIES
- LUTE
- OBOE
- ORGAN
- PIANO
- PIANOLA
- PICCOLO
- SAXHORN
- SNARE
- TABOR
- TRIANGLE
- THROMBONE
- TUBA
- UKE
- VIOL
- VIOLA
- VIOLIN
- WHISTLE
- WOODWIND

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Gas cooker knobs are not for playing with. Many of you may enjoy twisting them and listening to the 'ssssss' noise that follows, but it is extremely dangerous.

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SPORTS

# Eagles outlast Browns in American Bowl

LONDON, Aug 7, (Reuters): The Philadelphia Eagles took charge early and went on to beat the Cleveland Browns 17-13 yesterday in the fourth American Bowl football exhibition at Wembley.

The Eagles grabbed a 7-0 lead early in the opening quarter and remained in control of the game throughout.

A perfect 34-yard touchdown pass from reserve quarterback Don McPherson to Henry Williams gave Philadelphia 17-6

lead in the final quarter to clinch the victory.

Cleveland came back with a late touchdown to make the score respectable, but there was no doubt that the green-shirted Eagles deserved their victory before 73,677 fans.

Philadelphia scored their first touchdown when, after a Brown's fumble, star quarterback Randall Cunningham drove them 48 yards in eight plays before running

back Mark Higgs dived over for the score. Luis Zendejas kicked the extra point.

Though the Browns enjoyed prolonged possessions in the second quarter, the Eagles extended their lead before the half when Zendejas kicked a 48-yard field goal to make it 10-0.

Substitute followed substitute as both teams tried different combinations and Cleveland finally got on the scoreboard when running back George Swann gath-

ered in a 22-yard touchdown pass from Mike Pagel to complete a 91-yard drive. Dan Plocki, however, had his extra point attempt blocked.

Then came the Williams touchdown in the final quarter with Tim Foley converting the point to make the score 17-6.

The Browns had one more taste of glory when tight end Derek Tennell scored an easy touchdown on a two-yard toss from Pagel.

## Andretti rallies for win

BROOKLYN, Michigan, Aug 7, (AP): Michael Andretti overcame a handful of early mistakes yesterday on the way to his second straight Indy-car victory in winning the Marlboro 500 at Michigan International Speedway.

The 800-kilometres (500-mile) race was marred by an accident in which journeyman driver Phil Krueger suffered critical chest injuries and possible broken ribs. Krueger, who was unconscious when he was removed from his battered car, was taken by helicopter to McCauley Medical Centre in Ann Arbor, about 80 kilometres (50 miles) away.

Dr Dave Crippen, a member of the Cart medical staff, said "he's coming around slowly. He is in critical condition but at this time the injuries don't appear to be life-threatening."

The final stages of the 250-lap race on Michigan's high-banked oval were a duel between Andretti and Rick Mears, the only other competitor remaining on the lead lap after Mario Andretti, Michael's father, lost a lap on No. 128.

Mears, who never has won this event, was leading at the time when the younger Andretti, the 1987 winner, less than two seconds behind.

During the long caution period that resulted from Krueger's accident, Andretti took the lead when Mears pitted.

Mears jumped to the front as the green flag waved again on lap 220, but Andretti's Chevrolet-powered Lola quickly moved back to the top spot.

Mears, a three-time Indy winner, regained the lead on lap 232, and the battle continued in front of a crowd estimated at 55,000 with the leaders separated by less than one second lap after lap.

As lap 240 began, Mears suddenly slowed with what was later diagnosed as a suspension problem. The rear end of the car twitched and Mears appeared to almost lose control of his Penske PC18-Chevrolet.

Andretti moved into the lead and, when Mears pitted, his ninth career victory was assured.

The triumph came despite two early stop-and-go penalties against Andretti one for running over pit equipment and the other for passing another car under a caution flag. He also spun his car on pit road during another caution period and had to be turned around by his crew. But the 26-year-old driver never lost the lead lap.

Two Fabi of Italy wound up second, one lap plus 26.927 seconds behind. That gave the Porsche team its best finish in two years on the Indy-car circuit.

# Sotomayor wins again

## Stars fail in record bids

LOS ANGELES, Aug 7, (UPI): High-jumping sensation Javier Sotomayor of Cuba and long jumper Larry Myricks won their events, but failed in their quest for world records yesterday in the Jack in the Box Invitational at UCLA.

Sotomayor, who last week became the first in history to clear eight feet, defeated US

record holder Hollis Conway with a leap of 7 feet 8 1/2 inches. The 6-foot-4 Cuban then failed three times at 7-10 1/2 to disappoint the crowd of 7,815 at Drake stadium.

Conway, the silver medalist at the 1988 Summer Games, set the American mark of 7-10 at last week's Olympic Festival. The former SW Louisiana star finished second in 7-6 1/2.

A prize of \$500,000 was offered to anyone bettering Bob Beamon's 21-year-old long jump record of 29-feet 2 1/2 inches, but none of the six competitors came close.

Carl Lewis, considered the top threat to erase the oldest record in track and field, elected not to participate.

Myricks, fourth on the all-time list with a jump of 28-8 1/4, fouled in the 28-foot range on his first three attempts before winning with an effort of 27-11 1/2 with two fouls. Jaime Jefferson of Cuba was next at 26-2 3/4.

Myricks, 33, appeared close to Beamon's record on his third attempt, but the judge raised the red flag. The foul, according to the judge, was by an inch or less.

"The first three tries didn't feel like fouls; fouls never feel like fouls," said Myricks, whose personal best of 28-8 1/4 came at last summer's Olympic trials. They were very, very close.

Myricks, though, was pleased with the excitement generated by the \$500,000 prize and having the

long jump in the spotlight.

"It's exciting for us," he said. "People were into it and Carl wasn't here. Usually, you take Carl away and people lose interest."

Sotomayor, 21, part of a nine-member Cuban delegation at the meet, said through an interpreter that he "felt a little bit out of rhythm. I had a lack of concentration."

In other events:

— Doug Padilla used a strong kick to win the mile in a personal best 3:54.20. American record holder Steve Scott faded in the final 200 metres and finished fifth.

— Two-time Olympic champion Roger Kingdom won the 110-metre hurdles in 13.22, beating Tomie Campbell, who ran a 13.34.

— Suzy Favor of the University of Wisconsin upset Patti Sue Plummer in the mile, taking the lead with about 300 metres left and springing home in 4:27.31. Plummer, who ran 4:29.21, bettered Mary Slaney's American record in the 5,000 last month.



Sotomayor clears the bar at 7'8". (Reuters wirephoto)

## Arsenal beat Independiente

MIAMI, Aug 7, (Reuters): English League champions Arsenal beat Argentina's Independiente 2-1 yesterday to win the Zenith Cup title before a disappointing crowd of 10,042 at Joe Robbie stadium.

David Rocastle scored both goals for Arsenal, the winner coming on a penalty kick at the 86-minute mark.

The match between the two national champions marked their first meeting since the Falkland Islands crisis in 1982 but the prospects for a tension-filled match failed to raise much fan interest.

"They (Americans) have a mere five years to wake up before the rest of the world watches them at the World Cup (in 1994)," said Arsenal coach George Graham.

Arsenal scored first, less than five minutes before halftime when Alan Smith sent a cross to Paul Merson, who set up Rocastle at the edge of the penalty box. His right-footed 18-yard shot swept past Independiente goalkeeper Sergio Yargues.

Independiente's Alejandro Alfaro Moreno hit the equaliser midway through the second half when he turned the ball from goal box congestion and snuck it in behind goalkeeper John Kulic.

Independiente were slowed by a string of fouls, as Roselio Delgado, Pedro Monzon and Ricardo Altamirano each received cautions for misconduct.

Arsenal also received three — David O'Leary, Lee Dixon and Gus Caesar.

The decider came after Monzon was ejected for receiving a second misconduct when he took down an Arsenal attacker inside the box with less than four minutes remaining.



Lineker hurt

## Lineker gets six stitches

GLASGOW, Aug 7, (Reuters): Tottenham star striker Gary Lineker needed six stitches after an accidental clash of heads yesterday as his new team were beaten 1-0 in a friendly match by Scottish champions Rangers.

The English club's preparations for the new season were badly disrupted because two other players were also injured during an ill-tempered game.

Spanish under-21 international Nayim was flown back to London to be admitted to hospital after dislocating, and possibly fracturing, his left shoulder in the second half.

Full back Chris Hughton also returned to London with a groin strain but Lineker, signed from Barcelona for \$2.3 million in June, will accompany his team-mates on a trip to Norway.

He was involved in a 61st minute accident with team-mate Paul Gascoigne.

The winning goal came in the 54th minute from former Everton player Trevor Steven.

Steven's sweet left foot effort from 20 metres settle a match which saw only spasmodic contributions from two of the most expensive and talked-about strikers in Britain — Lineker and Mo Johnston of Rangers.

Gascoigne and Rangers' Ian Fergusson were booked for pursuing a running feud in the second half.

# McGriff takes Blue Jays past Yankees

## California beat Milwaukee

NEW YORK, Aug 7, (AP): Fred McGriff hit his American League-leading 29th homerun in the bottom of the seventh. Manny Lee added a three-run shot to cap a five-run inning that gave the Toronto Blue Jays a 6-5 victory over the New York Yankees.

Boston 6, Indians 4.

Ellis Burks and Luis Rivera hit solo home runs in the eighth inning and the Boston Red Sox rallied to a 6-4 victory over the Cleveland Indians.

Burks greeted reliever Jesse Orosco with this eighth homerun of the season. Two outs later, Rivera hit his fourth homer. The two homers matched the total allowed by Orosco in his first 45 appearances.

The victory went to Bob Murphy, the fourth Boston pitcher, who retired all five batters he faced, striking out the side in the ninth.

Baltimore 3, Texas 2.

Baltimore's Mike Devereaux hit his second game-winning homerun of the season, a solo shot off Texas reliever Jeff Russell with one out in the 10th inning. The 3-2 victory for Baltimore was its third in four games after they lost 13 of 14.

California 6, Milwaukee 0.

Rookie Jim Abbott allowed four hits in seven innings and California scored four runs in the sixth and maintained their lead in the American League West with

a 6-0 victory over Milwaukee.

Abbott walked four and had a career-high with nine strikeouts before Greg Monton came in to start the eighth. Bryan Harvey pitched the ninth and struck out the side.

Detroit 4, Chicago 3.

Pinch hitter Lou Whitaker's sacrifice fly capped a two-run eighth inning as Detroit snapped Chicago's 13-game home winning streak for a 4-3 victory.

Gary Pettis and Alan Trammell singled off Chicago starter Greg Hibbard to open the eighth and Shawn Hillegas walked pinch hitter Fred Lynn to load the bases.

Kansas City 3, Minneapolis 2.

Kevin Seitzer hit a tie-breaking seventh-inning single after Brad Wellman drew a one-out walk from Shane Rawley, took second on a wild pitch and Gary Thurman walked. Kansas City beat Minneapolis 3-2.

Winner Bret Saberhagen, 12-5, yielded both Minnesota runs and nine hits in seven innings. The Royals are 18-5 in games started by Saberhagen, who has lost only twice since May.

Oakland 2, Seattle 1.

Oakland remained one-half game behind California in the American League West behind the seven-hit pitching of Storm Davis and two relievers. Davis, 11-5, went seven scoreless innings and won for the ninth time in his last 11 decisions.



Jim Abbott

Los Angeles 4, San Diego 2.

Fernando Valenzuela won his first home game in seven weeks and Mike Marshall hit a tie-breaking, two-run double in the seventh inning as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the San Diego Padres 4-2.

Valenzuela, 6-11, gave up nine hits, struck out four and walked three in seven innings.

Houston 3, San Francisco 2.

Rookie Eric Yelding's run-bat-

tled in single in the eighth inning gave the Houston Astros a 3-2 victory over the San Francisco Giants.

It was the Astros' first victory in Candlestick Park in six games this season, and pulled them within two games of the Giants in the National League West.

Pittsburgh 5, Chicago 4.

Jeff King led off the bottom of the 18th with a home run off reliever Scott Sanderson, giving the Pittsburgh Pirates a 5-4 victory over the Chicago Cubs in the longest game ever at three Rivers Stadium.

The loss prevented the Cubs from taking sole possession of first place in the National League East. They are tied with Montreal, which lost to New York 2-1 in 14 innings.

The game lasted five hours and 42 minutes, breaking the three rivers record of 5:32 set in a 20-inning victory over Chicago on July 6, 1980.

New York 2, Montreal 1.

The New York Mets completed the three-game sweep needed when Kevin McReynolds led off the 14th inning with his 12th home run to beat the Montreal Expos 2-1.

The Expos, who have lost four straight, kept a share of first place in the National League East as Chicago lost to Pittsburgh 5-4 in 18 innings.

But the Mets, who were swept in Montreal in late June, went

from seven games behind Montreal to four back in three days.

Results

American League			
Boston	6	Cleveland	4
Baltimore	3	Texas	2
Toronto	6	New York	2
Kansas City	3	Minnesota	2
Detroit	4	Chicago	3
California	6	Milwaukee	0
Oakland	2	Seattle	1
National League			
Pittsburgh	5	Chicago	4
Cincinnati	3	Atlanta	2
St. Louis	5	Philadelphia	4
New York	2	Montreal	1
Los Angeles	4	San Diego	2
Houston	3	San Francisco	2

Standings

American League			
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Boston	54	54	.500
Toronto	55	56	.495
Cleveland	54	56	.491
Milwaukee	53	57	.482
New York	52	59	.468
Detroit	39	70	.358
West Division			
California	67	43	.609
Oakland	46	44	.545
Kansas City	60	50	.545
Texas	58	51	.532
Minnesota	55	56	.495
Seattle	52	57	.477
Chicago	47	64	.423
National League			
East Division			
Montreal	63	48	.568
Chicago	63	48	.568
St. Louis	57	50	.533
New York	55	56	.495
Pittsburgh	52	58	.473
Philadelphia	46	64	.417
West Division			
San Francisco	64	47	.577
Houston	62	56	.522
San Diego	55	56	.495
Los Angeles	53	59	.473
Cincinnati	52	58	.473
Atlanta	44	67	.396



Regis (centre) wins the men's 200. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Melinte finishes with 'double'

# Relay team shines for Britain

GATESHEAD, England, Aug 7, (Reuters): Britain's 4x400 men's relay quartet snatched a thrilling victory in the final event yesterday to give their team unexpected first place in the European Cup athletics competition.

It was the first time since the biennial eight-nation team event began in 1965 that neither of the two European giants, the Soviet Union and East Germany, had won the men's cup.

Britain and the Soviet Union, who took second place ahead of East Germany, will now represent Europe in September's World Cup in Barcelona.

There was some consolation for East Germany when they won the women's event for the ninth time with a record tally of 120 points. The Soviet Union were second with 95 and Britain third on 84.

The day, though, belonged to the British men who found, to their amazement, that they were the overnight leaders in the two-day competition.

Colin Jackson, the Olympic silver medalist, gave them a perfect start when he won the high hurdles and there were also victories for Tom McKean in the 800 metres and world indoor champion John Regis in the 200.

Jackson paid tribute to teammate Kriss Akabusi, who launched the British triumph with an upset win in Saturday's 400 metres hurdles.

"Kriss gave us a great start yesterday and there was a bit of pressure on me to do the same," Jackson said.

"For the first time everyone was counting the points — I have never seen anything like that before."

Jackson's sentiments were echoed by McKean, who became the first man to win the 800 for the third successive time.

"It's like a party," McKean said. "They're all

laughing, bubbling and joking."

McKean also praised the crowd, who gave Britain generous support in hot, sultry weather which proved ideal for high-class athletics.

"The crowd were absolutely brilliant," McKean said.

The relay provided the perfect climax to the meeting.

Britain led the Soviet Union by just one point after 19 of the 20 events and their 4x400 team had a distinctly makeshift look about it.

Lead-off runner Peter Crampton was seventh at the first changeover but, crucially, he was ahead of Soviet Alexei Bazarov.

Akabusi took Britain to fourth then Todd Bennett ran a great third leg to hand over to anchorman Brian Whittle level with the East German runner.

Whittle battled through the final 400 to edge West German Ralf Luebke for first place, the Soviet Union struggled home seventh and Britain had won the cup.

"It was brilliant," a jubilant Akabusi said. "It was good to be part of that team spirit — to be in at the beginning and then at the end."

Bennett added: "We knew we had to beat the Russians but it was, in the end, a question of getting in front and not giving in."

The East German women showed they remain in a class of their own in Europe with wins for Petra Felke in the javelin, Heike Hartwig in the shot, Silke Moeller in the 200, Cornelia Oschkenat in the 100 hurdles and Katrin Ulrich in the 10,000.

Olympic champion Felke, throwing with her knee bandaged, won her third successive cup title.

There was a fine double for Romania's Doina Melinte who added the 1,500 to Saturday's 800.

## Norwood takes world title

WIENER NEUSTADT, Austria, Aug 7, (Reuters): American Lori Norwood held on to her overnight lead in the women's Modern Pentathlon World Championships yesterday, seizing the title with a high score in the final day of riding.

Norwood, ahead after the fencing, swimming, running and shooting events, tied in fourth place over the 1,000 metres, 20-hurdle riding course, picking up 1,070 points to gain an overall

## Paez fights back to keep world crown

EL PASO, Texas, Aug 7, (UPI): Jorge Paez of Mexico yesterday survived the first knockdown of his career to retain his International Boxing Federation featherweight title with a unanimous 12-round decision over little Stevie Cruz of Fort Worth.

Paez, 30-2-2 with 23 knockouts, won despite being penalized a point in the 11th round for a low blow. Later in the 11th round, Cruz also lost a point on a foul. Cruz fell to 33-4 with 18 knockouts.

Paez was the aggressor from start to finish, charging out in the opening round, throwing punches while Cruz backedpedaled, but midway through the second round, Cruz caught Paez with a right hand that sent the champion to the canvas for the first time in his career. He took a standing eight-count, then came charging back.

Paez, a 126-pound (67.1 kg) Mexican, fighter known for his showmanship, boxed in a sequined skirt and with batman insignias cut into his hairdo.

He dominated the pace of the fight, continually backing Cruz against the ropes and punishing him with body blows but Paez kept dropping his left, allowing Cruz, 25, to score with rights.

In the eighth round, with both fighters showing signs of tiring, Paez stopped fighting and folded his arms, as if bored. In the ninth, the former acrobat and circus clown began to dance, do jumping jacks and egg on Cruz to come at him. Paez then scored with an uppercut.

Later in the round, Paez trapped Cruz on the ropes again and landed a combination.

For Cruz, 25, the bout was a last chance to reclaim a world title. He won the World Boxing Association's featherweight crown on June 13, 1986, with a unanimous decision over Barry McGuigan, a 71/2-1 favourite.



Belgian motocross

Briton David Thorpe rides his Honda to win the Belgian 500cc Motocross Grand Prix in Namur, Belgium, on Saturday. Thorpe finished second to Australian Jeff Leisk in the first race and captured the second race ahead of the Belgian world champion Erik Goobers. (Reuters wirephoto).

# Puzar wins both races at Brazil GP

CAMPOS DO JORDAO, Brazil, Aug 7, (Reuters): Italian Alessandro Puzar, on a Suzuki, won both races at the Brazilian 125cc Motocross Grand Prix in this mountain resort yesterday in the 10th round of the 12-round series.

The result lifted Puzar in the race for the season's title as he closed the gap behind standings leader Parker Trampas of the United States, who rode his KTM to second place in both races here.

The Italian now has 303 points and trails Trampas by 38 points with two rounds left in the championship — the Argentine Grand Prix next Sunday at Cosquin and the French Grand Prix, on August 27,

in Ahun.

Finishing third in both races was West German Robert Moore, also on a KTM.

Moore took the lead in the first race, holding it until midway through the 40-minute event. After 25 minutes, Puzar finally overcame Moore, who was also passed by Trampas.

In the second race, Moore again got out fast at the start, followed by Puzar, with Trampas falling behind because of heavy traffic.

In the closing moments of the race, both Puzar and Trampas overcame Moore to grab the top two positions.



## SPORTS

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Italian players

LUCCA, Italy, Aug. 7. (Reuters): Jobless Italian professional soccer players began three weeks of intensive training today for a season they may never play. The 45 sportsmen are taking part in a course run by the Italian Footballers' Union for players still without a club after the end of the official transfer period on July 15.

## Tour invitations

SYDNEY, Aug. 7. (Reuters): The Australian Rugby Football Union (ARFU), ignoring government pressure, passed on invitations today to six of its star players for a tour of South Africa.

## Horse race

DEAUVILLE, France, Aug. 7. (Reuters): Cricket Ball proved once again that he is a different horse at Deauville when running out an easy one and a half lengths winner yesterday of the Prix Maurice de Gheest. It was the six-year-old's fifth group race success on the seaside track.

## Ban reduced

SYDNEY, Aug. 7. (Reuters): The Australian Olympic Federation today reduced to two years a life ban imposed on pentathlete Andrew Kely for failing a drug test.

## Rugby tour

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 7. (Reuters): A rugby tour of South Africa by a World XV due to start next week is in jeopardy because of a wave of international hostility, a Johannesburg newspaper said today. Business Day said the animosity was prompted by last week's announcement that South Africa had organised a cricket tour of this country by rebel English players.

## Goalless draw

MONTEVIDEO, Aug. 7. (Reuters): Uruguay and Colombia drew 0-0 in a friendly soccer match at the Centenario stadium yesterday. The match was a warm-up for the 1990 World Cup qualifying matches later this year in which Uruguay will face Bolivia and Peru while Colombia will be up against Paraguay and Ecuador.

## S. Africa tour

LONDON, Aug. 7. (Reuters): Welsh Rugby Union today said they had turned down invitations to tour South Africa with a rest of the world squad later this month.

## Al-Arabi lose

MANAMA, Bahrain, Aug. 7. (AP): Local side Muharraq exploited errors by Al-Arabi of Kuwait for a 2-1 win today in the opening match of the 6-nation Coca-Cola Gulf Cooperation Council Club Championship.

## Mahaffey wins

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Aug. 7. (Reuters): John Mahaffey began the final round three shots back but fired a six-under-par 65 yesterday to claim the \$100,000-dollar first prize in the St. Jude Classic golf tournament.

## Daniel triumphs

BETHESDA, Md., Aug. 7. (Reuters): Beth Daniel parred every hole in the final round of the \$300,000 Greater Washington Open golf tournament yesterday to win by four strokes and collect her 15th career title.

## World Cup

ROME, Aug. 7. (UPI): Organisers of the 1994 World Soccer Cup finals in the United States have been on a fact-finding visit to Italy, host-nation of the 1990 tournament, the Turin Daily La Stampa reported today.

## £4m plan

LONDON, Aug. 7. (Reuters): Top English soccer clubs are to be given £4 million (\$6.5 million) towards the installation of more seats in terraces at their grounds following the Hillsborough tragedy when 95 fans were crushed to death. A trust funded by football pools companies said today the money would be given to all First Division clubs and others with an average attendance of more than 10,000.

## Gilbert survives shaky start to win Stratton Mountain tourney

STRATTON MOUNTAIN, Vt., Aug. 7. (Reuters): Brad Gilbert survived a shaky start to beat Jim Pugh 7-5 6-0 yesterday and take home a \$114,000 paycheck as champion of the International '89 tennis tournament. Gilbert, the world's 11th-ranked player, had lost to Pugh in three of their

four previous matches and looked in trouble again early in the match before fighting back to win control. Pugh, who plays with two hands from both sides, looked untouchable serving for the first set after breaking twice to lead 5-2. But Gilbert, who never says die, was

able to break back when Pugh made a poor judgment call and netted a Gilbert backhand angle shot that appeared to be going wide. When the third-seeded Gilbert broke again to even the score at 5-all, it was the end of the day for Pugh, seeded 14th, who won his first tournament

three weeks ago in Newport.

"In the first six games I hit some unbelievable passing shots, but he's like a praying mantis at the net," said Gilbert, who won a bronze medal at the Seoul Olympics.

The victory gave Gilbert his second title of the year and 14th of his career.

Since 1984, Gilbert has won at least one tournament every year.

Pugh, the top-ranked doubles player in the world, began to show signs of fatigue from his singles and doubles schedule this week and Gilbert's confidence, in turn, picked up.

Gilbert reversed his usual tactic of

trying to pass Pugh on the backhand side and sailed on to victory. He won the last 11 games of the match and allowed Pugh only 9 of 32 points in the second set.

Pugh, who won his first singles title three weeks ago in Newport, was beaten by another trip to the finals.

## Graf overcomes Garrison

Top seed made to fight for victory



Graf: pressed but victorious

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Aug. 7. (Reuters): West Germany's Steffi Graf was far from her best but that was still enough to beat second seed Zina Garrison yesterday in the final of the \$200,000 San Diego Classic tennis tournament.

"I played a 'four,'" said Graf, who was asked to rate her performance in the 6-4 7-5 victory that brought her the first prize of \$40,000.

"I didn't play well today. My forehand didn't work too well. I didn't serve well either," added Graf, who dropped serve seven times during the one hour 26-minute match.

The 20-year-old Graf, who last year swept all four Grand Slam events, had rolled over Canadian Renee Simpson, American Betsy

Nagelsen, and compatriots Claudia Kohde-Kilsch and Bettina Bunge before stumbling just a bit against Garrison.

Despite winning her ninth title of the year, the world number one was grumbling.

"I feel disappointed, even after winning," said Graf, who two years ago this week claimed the world number one position.

The opening set was marked by seven service breaks. After breaking Garrison in the ninth game, Graf finally held serve to settle the first set.

The 25-year-old Garrison, ranked sixth, continued to force the play, rushing the net at every opportunity.

That strategy, coupled with Graf's forehand errors, allowed the American to grab a 5-3 lead

and at 30-0 was serving to even the match. Graf, however, responded brilliantly and ran off the next four games breaking Garrison twice to win the match.

Garrison said the match should have gone to a third set.

"I definitely should have won the second set. I pressured her, but I didn't take advantage of the opportunities she gave me. You have to because she doesn't give you that many."

Garrison said she needs to be "a little meaner, get that killer instinct," when she plays Graf.

"Like I've been saying the whole week, she's definitely a great player. But I'm not afraid of her," Garrison said. "You have to challenge her. She's good at what she does, but she's beatable."

## Bayern accused of being work-shy



Olaf Thon: aggravates injury

FORMER soccer trainer Max Merkel accused West German champions Bayern Munich of being work-shy and cowardly yesterday after they were held to a goalless draw in a dull match against Borussia Moenchengladbach.

"What highly-praised Bayern Munich, strengthened by purchases worth millions, produced was sheer refusal to work...they played stupidly and cowardly," said Austrian Merkel, who won the League title with Munich 1860 in 1966, in his column in the newspaper Bild.

But Bayern trainer Jupp Heynckes, who played for and later trained Borussia Moenchengladbach, seemed satisfied enough with his team's performance which left them on the same points tally as Bayer Uerdingen, Eintracht Frankfurt and Kaiserslautern.

All have three points from two matches. Bayern Munich are still running in their new forward line and though Scottish purchase Alan McInally tried hard in front of a capacity crowd of nearly 35,000, he was closely marked.

Midfielder Olaf Thon aggravated a groin injury and will miss tomorrow's League match against FC Homburg.

Bordeaux, after a disappointing spell last season, appear to have returned the style which has won them the French League title three times since 1984.

They dropped a point to Metz on the first day of the new season but then collected three consecutive wins to move to the top of the table, one point ahead of Nantes and reigning champions Marseille. Nantes moved into second place on Saturday after a crushing 5-1 victory over Racing Paris, largely the work of Yugoslav recruit Dragan Djokovic who scored a hat-trick.

Nantes have so far been beaten only by Marseille. The champions earned a hard-fought 2-1 win over Metz on Saturday with Uruguayan Enzo Francescoli, one of French millionaire Bernard Tapie's latest recruits, celebrating his debut with a goal. (Reuters)

## Rafferty holds off Allen for 2-shot triumph

DROTTHINGHOLM, Sweden, Aug. 7. (Reuters): Britain's Ronan Rafferty fired a seven-birdie 65 to hold off a storming challenge from American Mike Allen for victory in the Scandinavian Open yesterday.

Allen birdied five of the last six holes to match Rafferty's 65 but ended as he began the day two strokes behind.

Rafferty finished 20-under-par on 268 to go to the top of the European money list with £245,000 (\$395,000) — more than £52,000 (\$83,000) ahead of Spain's Jose-Maria Olazabal, who beat him in a playoff in the Dutch Open a week ago.

Allen, winner of the Scottish Open three weeks ago, finished four strokes clear of Australian Peter Senior, who shot 67.

Rafferty said: "I've backed off and played safe many times when I've been leading, but today I played positive golf and birdied five of the first eight holes."

"It's nice to be top of the money list but I am not losing sight of the fact that a lot of the top players were absent this week. There's a long way to go."

## Geddes clinches British Open title

FERNDOWN, England, Aug. 7. (Reuters): American Jane Geddes fired a closing round 68 to capture the British Women's Open Golf Championship yesterday.

After finishing two strokes clear of Belgian Florence Descampe, Geddes, who faces a heavy fine for taking leave from the American circuit, said "I will be back to defend next year."

"It will mean a lot taking the trophy back to America and we should recognise this event as a major championship."

We were wrong, say Kapil & Co.

## Banned stars beg forgiveness

BOMBAY, India, Aug. 7. (Reuters): Six top Indian cricketers, banned from playing for a year for taking part in unauthorised matches, begged forgiveness today.

"We made a mistake," all-rounder Kapil Dev told a news conference the day after the announcement of the ban which also includes Test skipper Dilip Vengsarkar.

It was imposed by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) yesterday after the players defied their instructions not to play in matches in the United States and Canada.

"We are very sorry. We are appealing for pardon," Kapil said in a statement on behalf of the six players.

Wicket-keeper Kiran More, all-rounder Ravi Shastri and batsmen Arun Lal and Mohammed Azharuddin were the others banned yesterday from all domestic and international cricket until August 6 next year.

Kapil said Shastri, currently playing in English county cricket for Glamorgan, agreed by telephone to the statement on the ban, which the players described as "harsh and shocking."

Six junior players who also took part in the matches were fined 15,000 rupees (nearly \$1,000). They were treated more leniently because they might have been unaware of the consequences. BCCI secretary Ranbir Singh said yesterday.

The matches were organised by former Indian skipper Sunil Gavaskar and took place following India's tour of the West Indies earlier this year.

All 12 players forfeited 35,000 rupees (more than \$2,000) owed them for the tour. Two other members of the squad face disciplinary hearings next month.

Speaking in London where he is playing in a county match against Surrey, Shastri

said he was unconcerned by the ban.

"It does not stop me continuing to play for Glamorgan," he said.

The six plan to appeal against the ban at a meeting of the BCCI working committee in Bombay on August 19 but if that fails they will miss planned tours to Pakistan, New Zealand and England.

Kapil Dev blamed Gavaskar for talking the squad into playing. He said Gavaskar had told them he had gained permission from the board for them to play.

The BCCI said the cricketers played as an Indian XI and so needed permission which was denied repeatedly and the players were told not to go. Ranbir Singh said in announcing the punishment.

The punishments were generally welcomed by India's cricket establishment.

Former captain Mansur Ali Khan, the Nawab of

Pataudi, said the BCCI had been left with no option and that the punishments were fair. "There was a lot of nonsense going on and it was time the board acted."

Bishen Bedi, another former skipper, said he was pleasantly surprised by the boldness of the decision. "For once, BCCI has shown enough guts to make the cricketing world realise that the game is greater than any individual or collection of mercenaries," he said.

One contrary view, however, came from Lala Amarnath, whose son Mohinder last year called the Indian selectors "a bunch of jokers" for dropping him for the series against New Zealand and was fined 20,000 rupees (\$1,250) for the comment.

"The BCCI is trying to divert the attention of the public after a disastrous tour of the West Indies," Lala Amarnath said.

## Australians rout Leicestershire

LEICESTER, England, Aug. 7. (Reuters): England cricket captain David Gower suffered his sixth defeat of the summer by the Australians as the visitors scored their seventh victory over county sides today.

The Australians hammered Leicestershire by nine wickets at Grace Road in a perfect warm-up for the fifth Test starting at Trent Bridge, Nottingham, on Thursday.

Worcestershire are the only county side to beat Allan Border's men so far, while Gower has lost to them in three Tests, one limited overs match, a friendly when he skippered the Duchess of Norfolk's XI and now leading his county.

Leicestershire began the final day at 133 for two, still 15 behind, and by lunch the Australians had put

the result beyond doubt by taking the last eight wickets for 110 runs.

Gower went for 46 when he missed an off-drive against spinner Tim May and failed miserably to get his foot back as Ian Healy completed an almost nonchalant stumping.

The only bright spot for Leicestershire came in a breezy innings from Jonathan Agnew, who scored 39 off 28 balls with seven fours and a six. Leg spinner Trevor Hobbs claimed three wickets but was hampered for 49 in 5.2 overs.

Leicestershire were all out for 243 which left the tourists needing just 96 to win. This they achieved for the loss of Tom Moody, who made 36 in an opening stand of 52 with Geoff Marsh.

## Essex lose League lead to Lancashire

Hick and D'Oliviera boost Worcestershire

LONDON, Aug. 7. (Reuters): Essex, who lost the lead in the county championship earlier in the week, were also toppled from the top of the one-day League when Worcestershire beat them by six wickets at Colchester yesterday.

Damian D'Oliviera saw Worcester to victory with an unbeaten 60 containing nine fours and a six from just 54 balls as the visitors won with eight balls to spare.

Replying to 193 for nine, Worcester were boosted by another superb innings of 54 by Graeme Hick, who hit one six and seven fours.

Essex always struggled after medium-pace Martin Weston had removed their first three batsmen, including Graham Gooch, in an eight-over spell costing only 21 runs.

Their place at the top of the Sunday League was taken by Lancashire, who had an easy six-wicket win over Gloucestershire at Cheltenham to move two points clear with a game in hand.

Seamer Mike Watkinson took four for 29 as Gloucestershire



M. Watkinson



G. Mendis

stumbled to 81 for eight before a late rescue act between Tony Wright and David Lawrence put on 55 in 13 overs. They were all out for 143 with Wright unbeaten on 52.

It proved all too easy for Lancashire who passed the total with nearly 12 overs to spare. Gehan Mendis scored 48, topping 4,000 runs in the Sunday League in the process.

Results At Cheltenham: Lancashire

beat Gloucestershire by six wickets. Gloucestershire 143 in 39.5 overs (A. Wright 52 not out M. Watkinson four for 29). Lancashire 144 for four in 27.4 overs (G. Mendis 48). Lancashire four points.

At Sheffield: Northamptonshire beat Yorkshire by 12 runs. Northamptonshire 198 for four innings closed (G. Cook 77, R. Bailey 58 not out). Yorkshire 186 in 38.3 overs (A. Metcalfe 75, M. Moxon 59 A. Walker four for

39.9). Northamptonshire four points.

At Weston-Super-Mare: Somerset beat Middlesex by 97 runs. Somerset 205 for eight innings closed (C. Tavare 65, R. Bartlett 47 A. Jones two for eight, G. Rose two for nine). Somerset four points.

At Eastbourne: Sussex beat Nottinghamshire by seven wickets. Nottinghamshire 169 for nine innings closed (T. Robinson 55 T. Dodemaisa three for 19). Sussex 170 for three in 36.4 overs (D. Smith 49, C. Wells 46 not out). Sussex four points.

At the Oval: Surrey beat Glamorgan by 97 runs. Surrey 254 for eight innings closed (A. Stewart 119, G. Thorpe 80). Glamorgan 157 in 35 overs (H. Morris 40 K. Medley four for 20, A. Murphy two for nine). Surrey four points.

At Canterbury: Kent beat Warwickshire by seven wickets. Warwickshire 201 for five innings closed (Asif Din 89). Kent 202 for three in 35.1 overs (S. Hinks 80 not out, T. Ward 54). Kent four points.

At Derby: Hampshire beat

Derbyshire by four wickets. Derbyshire 148 innings closed (P. Bowler 71, A. Warner 40 P. Baker five for 17, K. James three for 27). Hampshire 149 for six in 39.2 overs (P. Terry 47). Hampshire four points.

At Colchester: Worcestershire beat Essex by six wickets. Essex 193 for nine innings closed (D. Pringle 46 not out, N. Foster 44). Worcestershire 197 for four in 38.4 overs (D. D'Oliviera 60 not out, G. Hick 54). Worcestershire four points.

## Standings

Sunday League cricket table after the latest rounds of matches (tubulate under played, won, lost, tied, no result, points):

Lancashire	13	11	3	0	46
Essex	14	11	3	0	44
Worcester	14	9	4	0	38
Surrey	13	9	4	0	36
Hampshire	14	7	5	1	32
Somerset	14	7	6	0	30
Notts	13	7	5	0	30
Northants	13	6	5	0	28
Middlesex	13	6	6	0	26
Derbyshire	13	6	6	0	26
Sussex	13	5	7	0	22
Kent	13	5	8	0	20
Yorkshire	13	5	8	0	20
Leicestershire	14	4	9	0	18
Warwickshire	13	3	9	0	14
Gloucestershire	13	1	10	0	12
Glamorgan	13	2	10	0	10



Mohammed Bin Sulayem in action.

## Sulayem in line for bravery award

THE courageous performance which clinched a third successive Middle East Championship triumph for Mohammed Bin Sulayem has put the Arab world's leading rally driver in line for an international award for bravery in sport.

The UAE star is one of three motor sport stars nominated by French TV company TFI for the award as the bravest sportsman known to its viewers.

The choice of the Winston Toyota driver is in recognition of his memorable surge to victory in last year's Emirates Dubai International when he competed with his neck encased in a plaster cast.

His courage caught the imagination of TFI viewers when footage of the rally was shown on "Ushuaia," a popular programme on adventure and outstanding achievement in sport, which attracts a big audience in France and other European countries.

With two other motor sport stars being nominated along with courageous performers from four other categories, TFI has been trying to keep all the names a secret before making a live announcement in September.

However, Sulayem was such an outstanding candidate for the award that news of his nomination has leaked out.

Injured in a road accident and forced to miss the

Oman International Rally last October, the Arab world's No. 1 driver ignored considerable discomfort to take part in the final round of the 1988 FISA Middle East Championship in Dubai two months later.

Although his movement was greatly restricted by the plaster cast, the defending champion showed tremendous determination as he powered his way to a fourth successive win in the Dubai Rally to retain his regional title.

"This nomination comes as a great surprise," said Sulayem, clear leader of the 1989 Middle East series in his Winston Toyota Celica CT-4. "When I decided to compete in the Dubai Rally, my only thought was to drive as fast as I could without taking any risks."

"I know there were a lot of people who felt I should not have taken part, and that some were concerned for my safety. But I was given the cast by a specialist after a thorough examination and I was not going to give up my title without a fight. My plan from the start was to drive within myself, and that's exactly what I did."

Partnered by Irish co-driver Ronan Morgan, Sulayem was still wearing the plaster cast when he recorded the 17th international victory of his career in Kuwait in March. He will fly to France in November for the awards ceremony.

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